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U.S.-Israel disagree

Arafat causes wedge

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Israel and the U.S. agreed to disagree last week over Yasser Arafat's meeting late last year with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

As 1984 was ushered in, the Reagan administration showed no signs of dropping its support for Egypt's effort to persuade the PLO chairman to resume his talks with King Hussein of Jordan.

These discussions, which lasted approximately six months, were broken off last April when Arafat failed to win PLO or widespread Arab backing for President Ronald Reagan's 1982 peace plan — which envisages an association between Jordan and the Palestinians of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Arafat revived speculation that the talks might be restarted when he conferred with Mubarak after being ousted from his last stronghold in Lebanon by PLO rebels opposed to any form of conciliation with Israel.

While the Israeli government denounced the Arafat-Mubarak tete-a-tete in Cairo as "a severe blow to the peace process" and accused Egypt of violating the spirit of the historic 1979 peace treaty, the U.S. took a completely different line.

Warmly welcoming the talks, the U.S. characterized Mubarak's still-secret negotiations with Arafat as "an encouraging development, given Egypt's adherence to the Camp David Accord and its outspoken support for the Reagan initiative."

John Hughes, the state department spokesman said: "We

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Finance minister warns Israelis

Jobless could soar to 7%

JERUSALEM [JTA] — Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad warned the Knesset last week that unless Israel reduced the deficit in its balance of payments by $1 billion — exporting more and importing less — the financially strapped country will not be able to find additional sources of financing to repay loans.

But if the gap in the balance of payments is narrowed by $1 billion, he said, Israel's economy will be able to grow at an annual rate of 1.5% beginning in 1985.

He warned that this goal could be achieved only by lowering living standards by 10% in 1984 and allowing unemployment to rise from its present level of 4 to 7%.

He issued his warnings at a stormy meeting of the Knesset economic committee in a week of mounting economic crisis, during which strikes, slowdowns and protest meetings continued to plague Israel as government workers pressed for higher pay.

Cohen-Orgad stirred up an additional controversy by reportedly proposing to freeze Jewish settlements on the West Bank as one of several belt-tightening moves designed to help reduce government spending by $60 million.

Yigal Cohen-Orgad

The Council of Settlements of the Judea-Samaria-Gaza Regions promptly branded that proposal as "political suicide for the Likud government" and vowed to fight it.

The ultra-nationalist Tehiya Party threatened to quit the coalition if there was even "a partial freeze" on settlements in the territory.

But the tide of public opinion may be turning against massive, unrestricted settlements subsidized by the government. According to a public opinion poll of 1,200 Israelis taken by the Pori Institute and published last week by the newspaper Haaretz, "a turning point" has been reached on the issue.

For the first time, a majority of respondents — 48% — opposed new settlements against 36% who favored them.

Haaretz noted that only a year ago, 48% of those polled favored more settlements and 35% were opposed, exactly the reverse of the latest poll results. Two years ago support for new settlements was overwhelming, with 53% in favor and under 30% opposed.

According to the Pori Institute, opposition to new settlements was highest among the better educated and higher income sectors of the population.

Meanwhile, the coalition is faced by protests from its various partners on other issues likely to

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Diplomats threaten to close ministry

JERUSALEM [JTA] — The foreign ministry is the latest government department to be affected by the wave of economic unrest and dissatisfaction in the Israeli civil service.

The ministry staff on Sunday announced sanctions beginning this week which would escalate to a total closure of the ministry and embassies abroad by mid-month unless demands are met.

The staff wants better pay and conditions, similar to that prevailing in defence-related departments and wants official recognition by the Treasury and Civil Service Commission of the "special status" of foreign ministry work: long and irregular hours, danger of service abroad, the need for special skills and knowledge of languages.

As an initial step (as of Jan. 2) the ministry has closed its doors to all outsiders — including foreign diplomats stationed here. Subsequent steps planned include progressive closure of departments and of communications so that a total paralysis sets in by mid-January.

The staff committee chairman, Yoav Behiri, said Prime Minister Shamir and Director-General David Kimche "sympathize in principle" with staff demands but they failed to elicit such sympathy and recognition from the treasury and Civil Service Commission.

Behiri said a wage increase is not being requested immediately but what is wanted now is recognition of the special status and a firm commitment to a timetable for translating this recognition into "practical terms" within a year.

Mother, children murdered in Syria

[Special report]

TORONTO — A pregnant Jewish woman and her two young children were brutally murdered in their home in the Jewish quarter of Aleppo, Syria on Dec. 28.

Details of the murders were transmitted this week to Judy Feld Carr, director of the Dr. Ronald Feld Fund for Jews in Arab Countries of Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

Victor Abadi, a jewelry worker, returned from work to his home opposite the Al Saddik mosque in Aleppo. As he opened the door he found the walls and floor splattered with blood and discovered the bodies of his 25-year-old pregnant wife Lillian and their 6-year-old son and 4-year-old daughter. The wife had been shot four times. Her body had been mutilated. The two children had been hacked to pieces and disembowelled.

In a telephone conversation with his family in New York shortly after discovering the killings, Abadi stated that nothing had been taken from the home. However, two days later he telephoned again. He did not refer to the first call. This time he told his brother that someone from the authorities was with him and that the house had been robbed at the time of the murders.

It appeared to Abadi's brother that the authorities were anxious to have the deaths regarded as part of a robbery, rather than another murder motivated by the bitter anti-semitism allowed to flourish in Syria. The authorities took the unusual step of having a representative attend the funeral and a statement was issued that the murderer would be caught and hanged.

The Abadis' parents left Syria some time ago and presently live in New York. Victor Abadi had visited them just four weeks ago, on a temporary Syrian passport. Although he wanted to remain in the United States, he was obliged to return to Syria because he had been required to leave his wife and children behind in Aleppo to guarantee his return.

There are approximately 4,300 Jews left in Syria. They are not permitted to emigrate, said Mrs. Carr, despite the fact that Syria is a signatory to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of the United Nations. That declaration contains a pledge that the nations who are party to it will permit free movements of their citizens across their borders.

Sometimes, one of two family members may be lucky enough to obtain temporary passports to travel abroad. Once out of Syria some have refused to return. When that happens the remaining family members inside the country are placed in great jeopardy, are often imprisoned and interrogated and the large monetary security deposit, which every Jewish traveler must leave with the government, is confiscated.

Syrian Jewish citizens, Carr said in an interview, can only leave that country permanently by taking dangerous escape routes. In the past some would-be escapees have been captured and executed. Others have been imprisoned by the secret police — the Mukhabarat — without any trial. Small children, as well as adults, are kept in dungeons, with little food, no sanitary facilities and are frequently tortured.

Neri Bloomfield tosses hat in ring for presidency of CZF

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL — **Neri Bloomfield, a past national president of the Hadassah-WIZO organization of Canada and current chairman of the board of the Canadian Zionist Federation, has officially declared her candidacy for the presidency of the CZF. She is the first to announce her intention to run.**

Phil Givens of Toronto, CZF president for the past 11 years, indicated at a CZF executive meeting that he would not seek a fourth term at the next national convention of the organization.

The sixth CZF national convention will be held April 1 and 2 at the Ritz Carlton Hotel here. About 600 delegates from throughout Canada are expected to attend.

Bloomfield is taking a headstart in a possible election campaign. The CZF will be sending out invitations to its 45,000 members of field candidates for officer positions only at the end of the month and the deadline for nominations will be early in February, said CZF executive vice-president Leon Kronitz.

The CZF constitution contains no rules on standing for office, he said. A nomination committee will meet later this month to decide on the specifics for this convention. If Bloomfield or any officer position is contested, voting will be by secret ballot, according to Kronitz.

Neri Bloomfield

The formula for delegate selection has already been established, Kronitz said. CZF's constituent groups will be permitted to send representatives to the convention in the same proportion as the 18 Canadian seats were allotted at the last World Zionist Congress in December, 1982: Labor Zionists, 5; Mizrachi, 4; Zionist Organization of Canada, 3; Herut-Zionist Revisionists, 2; World Confederation of United Zionists, 2; Kadima-Reform Zionist Movement, 1; Friends of Pioneering Israel (Mapam), 1.

About 250 members of the Zionist youth movements are expected to participate.

Bloomfield was one of the two delegates of the World Confederation of United Zionists, which is unaligned with any Israeli political party, at the last Congress. She says she has the official backing of Hadassah-WIZO, which represents about one-third of the CZF membership, in her bid for the presidency, and produced copies of about 200 signatures she has collected of other CZF members endorsing her candidacy — from Halifax, Saint John, NB, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Edmonton and Vancouver.

If elected, Bloomfield says she will "work with a team and gather around me the best lay and professional leadership available in Canada.

"My experience as president of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO [1972-76] and also as chairman of the Combined Jewish Appeal [Women's Division, 1971] has given me the opportunity to work with many people and I will certainly call upon them to participate actively with me in the important tasks that the CZF has ahead."

As a veteran fund raiser, she says she will help assure the CZF maintains a "realistic" budget.

Her priorities in office would be to increase aliya from Canada, enhance Jewish education as a means of ensuring Jewish survival in the Diaspora, send more Canadian youth to Israel for the summer or for a year of study, and hasbara (dissemination of Zionist and Israel information) to fight anti-semitism as well as create goodwill and understanding at the government level and among our Gentile neighbors.

She is a strong proponent of de-politicizing the Zionist movement in the Diaspora.

Bloomfield was born in Bucharest, Romania, into a family of leading Zionists, the Loewys. Her grandfather was a delegate — the first woman — to the Second Zionist Congress in 1898. Her Uncle Lazar

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World-National

Pogroms can happen anywhere

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

The name of Leo Frank no longer evokes the kind of horrified recognition it once did. Yet the name is a reminder that pogroms against the Jews were a feature, not only in prejudice-ridden Europe, but — at least one time — in the goldene medina itself . . . in America.

Rabbi Plaut

Leo Frank, a Jew born in Texas and raised in Brooklyn, eventually came to work for his grandfather, who owned the National Pencil Company in Atlanta, Georgia. Leo was active in the community and was elected to the presidency of the local B'nai B'rith.

Then, in the spring of 1913, it happened, on a Sunday during Pesach. The body of a 14-year-old girl was found in the basement of the factory. Leo Frank was accused of the murder in the testimony of a porter, who swore before the jury that Frank had committed the crime.

The case attracted national attention when defence lawyers insisted that the prosecution was mirred in anti-semitic prejudice — although the district attorney vigorously denied the accusation. But the flames were fanned by Senator Tom Watson, a bigot of the first rank, publisher of a racial rag Jeffersonian Magazine.

Soon the mobs began clamoring for the blood of the man whom Watson called "the filthy, perverted Jew of New York," and in time the jury brought in a verdict of guilty. Frank was condemned to death.

The case went all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court which, in 1915, turned down the appeal which had claimed Frank had not been given a fair trial. Many people across the U.S., Jews and Gentiles, rallied to Frank's support, and just before he was to be executed, Georgia's governor commuted the sentence to life imprisonment.

However, an enraged mob invaded the prison, and on Aug. 16, 1915, Frank was lynched.

Frank was born 100 years ago, in 1884, and for many years there has been an attempt to clear his name. A number of books were written on the case, best known amongst them being the late Harry Golden's A Little Girl is Dead.

Now, on the centenary of Frank's birth, there has been a petition before the Board of Pardons in Georgia to clear his name.

Wrote the New York Times, on Dec. 18:

"Decades passed, and the Frank case was forgotten, but not by a missing witness, Alonzo Mann, who had been an office boy in the same factory. He had seen the janitor carrying Mary Phagan's limp body, but kept a terrified silence when his life was threatened.

"Mr. Mann's account was finally published a year ago by a Tennessee newspaper, which tested his veracity and found him truthful. 'I pray to God that they will give Leo Frank a pardon,' said Mr. Mann. 'I feel it would be the Christian thing to do. He did not commit the crime.'

"The Board of Pardons can at least write a decent end to an appalling episode."

The board did not see it that way and on Dec. 22 it refused the appeal. The American Jewish Committee is now calling on the Georgia legislature to pass a bill granting the pardon.

There was one more aspect to the story that is not often told. After the mob had lynched Frank, it turned its fury on the homes and shops of Georgia's 3,000 Jews. It was America's first, and thank God, only pogrom. Half of the Jews left the state, but the realization that it once happened on this continent — and that human passions are the same everywhere — has not left me.

British commander forbade men to have anything to do with Jews

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

General Sir Evelyn Barker, known for his "effervescent spirit and his puckish sense of humor," to quote The Times of London, was something of a figure of loathing among the Jews of Palestine when he commanded British troops there in the waning days of Britain's mandate.

Barker, who died recently at the age of 89, triggered a storm in 1946 when he forbade his men to fraternize with any Jews.

A hardened officer who fought in both world wars, Barker incurred the wrath of the Irgun — the fighting arm of the Revisionist Zionists — by trying to crush that organization's guerrilla activities.

Menachem Begin, the Irgun leader, said that Barker "behaved like a Nazi gauleiter in our country." J. Bowyer Bell, author of Terror Out Of Zion, the authoritative volume on the Irgun, alluded to his "basic anti-semitism."

It is debatable whether Barker — the subject of several assassination attempts — was really anti-Jewish. What is beyond doubt was his dedication to eradicating the wave of terrorism which hit Palestine in the last three years of British rule.

Nicolas Bethell, who wrote The Palestine Triangle, describes Barker as "a tough soldier who would not be blackmailed or coerced by violent men. . . ." Having replaced Gen. J. C. D'Arcy as the commander-in-chief of the British army in Palestine, Barker was bent on restoring peace in the Jewish homeland.

Britian, which had once been sympthetic to Jewish national aspirations, had become pro-Arab by 1939 with a European conflict approaching. During World War II, the Jews of Palestine, by and large, supported the British. However, beginning in 1945, the Irgun and the Stern Gang (an Irgun breakaway group of which Yitzhak Shamir was a leading member) began to attack the British military in a bid to gain full independence for the Jewish people.

Barker, whose unit had liberated the Bergen Belsen concentration camp in Germany, was ordered to restore calm. And he tried to do so by resorting to an aggressive policy.

"I will hang a hundred Jews and there will be peace in Palestine," he is reported to have boasted.

Although he denied ever having made this comment, Barker generally favored the death penalty to deal with Jewish — and Arab — guerrillas. Such was Barker's reputation that even Chaim Weizmann, who was conciliatory toward Britain, called him "a self-confessed enemy of our people."

In the view of observers, Barker achieved his notoriety against the backdrop of the blowing up of the King David Hotel in Jerusalem . . . a blast which caused many British casualties and was perpetrated by the Irgun.

Incensed by it, Barker issued a command which reverberated throughout Palestine and Britain.

"I was so angry when I found out what had happened that I went straight to my office and wrote an order to the troops, putting all Jewish establishments out of bounds," he said in an interview with Nicholas Bethell. "It was a rotten letter, written on the spur of the moment. I ought to have restrained myself for an hour or two before putting pen to paper."

In his letter, Barker said the Jewish community of Palestine "cannot be absolved from the long series of outrages" committed since his arrival early in 1946.

The general Jewish public, he noted, must bear a share of the guilt of terrorist acts, since without its active or passive support the Irgun would be unable to operate. (In fact, the Jewish Agency denounced the King David bombing.)

A British soldier in Palestine.

"I am determined that they will suffer punishment and be made aware of the contempt and loathing with which we regard their conduct."

His measures, he concluded, would punish the Jews "in a way the race dislikes as any, by striking at their pockets and showing our contempt for them."

Bethell writes that Barker's letter was one of "the most publicly embarrassing documents ever issued by a senior British authority."

The consequences were swift and far-reaching.

Britain's name was tarnished, both in Palestine and abroad, and the British deputy prime minister, Herbert Morrison, announced in the House of Commons that the Labor government dissociated itself from the terms in which the letter was couched.

Despite the protests, the government retained Barker's services, but rebuked him in private.

Within months, he was recalled home.

As a parting gesture, he signed the death warrants of three Irgunists languishing in a British prison.

Eager to exact revenge, the Irgun plotted to kill Barker . . . a year after his return to Britain. Prior to his departure, his home had been attacked with grenades.

Ezer Weizman, who would one day be minister of defence, reportedly planned the second assassination attempt from his flat in London. "We got to the point of finding Barker's house and our idea was to mine the road and blow him up," recalls Weizman in The Palestine Triangle. "But various snags got in our way."

Somehow, Scotland Yard got wind of the plot and advised Weizman to leave Britain.

Barker thus survived, and so, incidentally, did his reputation.

Many community involvements

Kolber named to Senate

MONTREAL —

Leo Kolber, a close associate of the Bronfman family for many years, has been appointed to the Senate by Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau. He will sit as a Liberal, filling a Quebec vacancy.

A man who shuns personal publicity, Kolber nevertheless is a powerful figure in Canadian industry. He has been president of CEMP Investments Ltd., the Bronfman family holding company, since 1971, and in 1982 became chairman and chief executive officer of Cadillac-Fairview Corp.

In addition, he is a director of several leading Canadian firms, including Seagram Co. Ltd., the Toronto-Dominion Bank and Bow Valley Industries Ltd.

Kolber was the founder of the Fairview Corp. of Canada, one of the three companies that merged to form Cadillac-Fairview.

Born in Montreal in 1928, Kolber graduated in law from McGill University and was called to the bar in 1952. His paternal grandparents settled in Canada before the turn of the century.

Leo Kolber

His friendship with Charles Bronfman goes back to their universtity days. In more recent years, Kolber has virtually become Bronfman's right-hand man in business matters. Kolber is also a director of the Montreal Expos baseball club.

Kolber has played an active if low key role in Jewish community life, particularly through Combined Jewish Appeal and State of Israel Bonds.

He is a governor of the YM-YWHA, United Talmud Torahs, Jewish General Hospital, Jewish Hospital of Hope, Hebrew Free Loan Association of Montreal. He is a member of Congregation Shaar Hashomayim and the Montefiore Club.

His hobby is golfing and Kolber is a member of the Elm Ridge Golf and Country Club.

He and his wife Sandra also share a keen interest in the arts. Sandra is a noted poet, writer and filmmaker. (She was co-director of the recent release Tell Me That You Love Me.)

Kolber was one of the founders and honorary chairman of Encore Theatre, a professional company based at the Saidye Bronfman Centre.

The Kolbers frequently entertain celebrities from the world of entertainment and politics at their Westmount home.

They have two children: Lynne, a graduate of Vassar College who studied acting in New York, and Jonathan, educated at Harvard University.

Other Jewish members of the Senate include: David Croll, Toronto; Sidney Buckwold, Saskatoon; Jack Austin, Vancouver [also a member of the cabinet]; Nathan Nurgitz, Winnipeg; Jack Marshall, Corner Brook, Nfld.

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Canadian community dynamic in eyes of British

MONTREAL — A greater leadership role for Canada in world Jewish affairs, particularly Israel-Diaspora relations, was discussed between heads of the British Jewish community and Canadian Jewish Congress president Milton Harris during the latter's recent visit to London.

Harris said here upon his return that British Jewry sees the Canadian Jewish community as "growing and dynamic, a leader on the international scene," in sharp contrast to their own community which is feeling the effects of little Jewish immigration and a very low birth rate.

The British Jewish leaders were keenly interested in Canadian Jewry's relations with government and general political trends in Canada, said Harris.

Harris told them that "much of the success that the Canadian Jewish community has had with government has been because it understands Canadian politics and has good relations with all major political parties."

His British visit has left Harris with the impression that the Canadian Jewish community has "better and quicker access to government in Canada and, while British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher is certainly sensitive to issues involving the Jewish community, their government policy is not as pro-Israel as ours."

British and Canadian foreign policy, particularly on the Middle East, was discussed by Harris with Malcolm Rifkind, a cabinet member and minister of state in the foreign office. Rifkind is also former president of the United Kingdom-Israel Parliamentary Friendship Association.

Harris noted the example of the two countries' respective voting records at the United Nations: Canada has tended to vote pro-Israel with the United States while Britain generally votes with the other European countires.

Milton Harris addresses Board of Deputies of British Jews. Flanking Harris is the Board's foreign affairs committee chairman, Dr. Stephen Roth, left, and board vice-president, Martin Sabitt.

Responsive to our concerns

"I feel that through the Canadian Jewish Congress we have developed a forthright way of dealing with government and all political parties, which are more responsive to our concerns than is true in Britain," he said.

Harris gave three main addresses in London: the first before the Board of Deputies of British Jews, an organization similar in function to CJC; then to leaders of the Institute of Jewish Affairs, a scholarly group that supports various published works on Jewish issues; and finally at a gathering of Jewish and non-Jewish representatives of the Labor and Conservative parties, members of the foreign office, Supreme Court justices and corporate leaders.

Labor MP Greville Janner, chairman of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, arranged the latter meeting, Janner is also chairman of the new Jewish Commonwealth Council, an organization of Jewish communities in countries of the British Commonwealth.

Janner praised the leadership role that Canada has assumed in this international body, said Harris, and expressed the hope that the next annual meeting of the council will take place in Ottawa. Janner was in Canada this fall, under the aegis of CJC.

At the Institute of Jewish Affairs, Harris was introduced by Dr. Stephen Roth, chairman of the foreign affairs committee of the Board of Deputies of British Jews. Members of the institute, Harris said, feel that there is a need for a similar body to be established in Canada because of the "urgency to increase Canada's role in Israel-Diaspora relations."

Harris is in agreement. "The centrality of Israel is crucial to the Jewish people. We now have a generation of Jews who have never known a world without Israel as the Jewish homeland. Its members feel that they have a role to play in the building of Israel although they want to maintain their communities within the Diaspora. Canada is a leader in this.

Fields political questions

"We must build on this growth and dynamism, creating the institutions that are necessary for a new era of Israel-Diaspora relations."

Harris spoke for over an hour at his meeting with the politicians, businessmen and justices, fielding questions about Canadian politics and Jewish life in Canada.

"There was enormous interest in Quebec," said Harris, "particularly the effects on the Jewish community. The people with whom I spoke included the two co-chairmen of the Canada Committee, a subcommittee of Parliament. They knew there was tension in Quebec; they were concerned about the next provincial election. They realized that the Jewish community in Quebec includes Jews from many countries.

"I explained to them that in Canada Jews had a fear of extreme nationalism and that this was a logical concern of any Jewish community because of our history. I said that the province is tending toward greater stability and that the Jewish community has been, and will continue to be, part of the growth of Quebec society."

Harris also spoke of current CJC concerns such as Nazi war criminals resident in Canada and recognition of the claims of Japanese Canadians interned during the Second World War.

He talked about the willingness of the Canadian government to deal with the "pockets of anti-semitism" in the country and of its encouragement, through grants, of the development of Yiddish culture, Holocaust commemoration and preservation of Jewish archives.

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Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: Was there anything wrong in celebrating the arrival of the New Year at midnight with the customary festivities of ringing out the old, and ringing in the new?

Midnight has a very special place in the lives of thoughtful people. In the Psalms, Chapter 119:62, King David says: "At midnight do I rise to give thanks unto Thee because of Thy righteous ordinances." He arose to music, but it was not boogie woogie. The Talmud, in Tractate Berachos, 3B, tells it this way: "A harp was hanging above David's bed. As soon as midnight arrived, a north wind came and blew it and it played of itself. He arose immediately and studied Torah till the break of day."

Rabbi Burak

In later years when all happiness was forgotten under the weight of many sorrows, the midnight hour received another meaning. We have a series of prayers that are to be said at midnight. This observance is Tikkun Chatzos. The first set of prayers are called Tikkun Rachel. You will recall that in Jeremiah 31:15, Mother Rachel is depicted as weeping in her grave: "Thus saith the Lord: A voice is heard in Ramah, Lamentation and bitter weeping, Rachel weeping for her children . . ."

In the Siddur Or ha-Yashar, first printed in Amsterdam some 275 years ago, here is the introduction to the Tikkun Rachel prayers: "At midnight . . . sit in the doorway, beside the mezuzah, remove your shoes and remain barefoot, cover your head like a mourner and weep copiously according to your strength, and take burned ashes and put them on your forehead where the tefillin would be placed." There is also Tikkun Leah.

Thus did the midnight hour become a time of moaning and weeping, when men with sensitive hearts would sit on the floor in a posture of mourning and weep over the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and the slaughter of our innocent people by the mad, brutal, barbarians of all faiths and all countries.

With the passing of the years, more and more sorrows were heaped on our people. The Holocaust was the tragedy to eclipse all tragedies. There were people who saw it coming. Malcolm Muggeridge, a correspondent for a newspaper in 1934 wrote: ". . . unless something very unexpected happens, if no vent is found for the pressure accumulating in Germany, another large-scale European war must break out within the next few years whose consequences will be even more ruinous than the last." He saw it coming, but there was a safe place for him. Some Jews in Poland saw it coming, but had nowhere to go.

With the weight of all these sorrows how can one dance and jitterbug mindlessly through the night. If you were engaged in the mitzvah of rejoicing with a bride and groom, making them happy through your mad antics as your back quivers as if you had African ants climbing up and down your spine, it would pass. Otherwise, there is no room for mind-blowing when the world seems to be arming for a nuclear holocaust.

Steady decline in govt. support

Cash cuts hurt university standards

By
NECHEMIA MEYERS

JERUSALEM —

A severe drop in the standards of Israel universities now seems almost inevitable.

Already in dire economic straits, they had threatened to close last month rather than accept a further 8% cut in government support during the 1984/85 fiscal year, following a similar cut in 1983. But at the last minute they surrendered and — in return for an immediate infusion of cash to cover pressing debts — they have agreed to accept the finance ministry edict.

There has been a steady decline in government support for higher education over the last decade, which is reflected in the fact that in 1974 the government spent 7.9% of its budget for the civilian sector on university-level education, but only 4.4% in 1983. University heads had hoped for a reversal of this trend; instead, it will apparently accelerate.

No university spokesman would deny that money was sometimes wasted when funds were plentiful, especially on the construction of unnecessarily luxurious buildings. But that practice has long since ended, as has virtually all new campus construction. And instead of new departments constantly being added as they were in "the good old days," old ones are to be closed.

Even more serious, however, is an eroding of standards throughout the university system. This was put to me last week by a professor at the Hebrew University, who came here from the United States. "When I arrived ten years ago," he declared, "the equipment I had at my disposal was as good or even better than that I had used at the prestigious U.S. university where I had worked previously. Now, with purchases of new instruments virtually frozen, I must make do with old equipment and that means I can't keep up with my counterparts abroad."

At the Weizmann Institute, to give another example, Vice-President Gideon Elrom recently revealed that there had been a sharp decline in the purchase of laboratory animals, which are vital for biological research. In 1982 250,000 mice and rats were bought; in 1983 only 100,000.

Another economy measure, this time at the Technion, is already affecting academic standards. In order to save money, the institution has stopped employing special supervisors to oversee examinations. And since a single lecturer cannot effectively keep watch over a large class, the students, as one of them put it, "copy from one another and from textbooks to their hearts' content."

With 10% of university personnel now scheduled for dismissal, few new people, no matter how talented, are likely to be hired. This means, as Ha'aretz science correspondent Yadin Dudai recently pointed out, that many talented Israeli graduates are quite likely to seek positions abroad.

"Until now," Prof. Dudai adds, "90% of the Israelis who went to the U.S. for post-doctoral work returned home at the end of their period of study, in sharp contrast to academics from other countries, most of whom tried to stay in the United States. Now, with employment prospects in Israel much dimmer, they will probably stay overseas longer, and may not return at all."

But the universities are only the tip of a giant iceberg.

Take public hospitals, for instance. Never a week goes by without some hospital announcing that budget cuts and inflationary pressures mean that it can no longer pay for its food supplies, medicines or electricity.

This situation has prompted Prof. Mordechai Shani, head of the Sheiba Medical Center and former director-general of the ministry of health, to demand clearer government directives. "I want to see if someone has the courage," he declared, "to tell us that we should carry out fewer open-heart operations or stop giving expensive medicines to cancer patients. It isn't enough," he added, "to decide on budget cuts and then expect the hospitals to go on operating as if nothing had happened."

Other educational and cultural institutions are also hard hit by budget cuts. Subsidies for theatres, to give one example, are likely to be reduced by some 50% and this may cause some companies to close down altogether. The same holds true for museums and orchestras.

Perhaps the most controversial cut of all in the cultural sphere involves ulpanim, the famous Israeli language schools that have helped several generations of immigrants to learn Hebrew and adjust to Israeli life. Now there will apparently only be ulpan courses for the newest immigrants (who have been in the country three years or less), and no government-supported Hebrew courses at all for newcomers on kibbutzim (which cater primarily for young people who have not decided whether they want to stay in Israel).

The list goes on and on. There will be a cut in classroom hours for elementary and secondary school students, a reduction in the number of group workers who handle street gangs, a drop in the construction of new highways, less pay for already poorly-paid army officers, etc.

It was always the Zionist dream that Israel — and particularly her educational and cultural institutions — should serve as a light unto the nations. But until financial circumstances improve, Israelis will be lucky if they can keep their own lights burning.

Argentine watchdogs add Jewish members

BUENOS AIRES [JTA]

Argentina's President Raul Alfonsin has appointed Dr. Gregorio Klimovsky, of the Latin American Branch of the World Jewish Congress, and Rabbi Marshall Heyer, spiritual leader of Congregation Beth El here, to the newly created national commission investigating the disappearance of individuals under previous administrations during the "dirty war" in the mid-1970s.

Alfonsin decreed the creation of a 16-member commission to satisfy the "legitimate interest" of civilian society "in participating in the clarification of the tragic episodes in which thousands of people have disappeared."

According to reports by human rights agencies, some 30,000 people have disappeared. Among the "disappeared ones" are an estimated 3,000 Jews.

The commission's task will be to "receive charges and evidence on cases [of disappearances] and submit them to the courts . . . investigate the whereabouts of missing persons . . . establish the whereabouts of missing children separated from their parents or guardians . . . with the alleged purpose of repressing terrorism," and, in the latter cases, to submit the evidence to courts dealing with minors.

In Jerusalem David Kimche, director-general of the foreign ministry said a commitment was made to him by Argentine officials that the new Argentine government will "spare no effort" to establish the fate of the Argentine Jews who disappeared during the dirty war.

Kimche represented Israel at the inauguration ceremonies for President Alfonsin in Buenos Aires last month and met with leading legislators in the new parliament as well as senior officials in the foreign ministry.

Holocaust testimony sought

MONTREAL —

The Canadian Jewish Congress announced last week that the U.S. department of justice is seeking Holocaust witnesses to testify about the activities of the former mayor of the Russian town of Kaganovitche [which is also known as Popasnaya] during the German occupation.

Those having relevant information are urged to get in touch with Aba Beer, chairman of the CJC National Holocaust Remembrance Committee, at 1590 Ave. Dr. Penfield, Montreal, H3G 1C5; telephone number [514] 931-7531.

Daily chapter readings

The daily chapters in the international 3-year Bible reading cycle of the World Jewish Bible Society and the Jewish Agency are, for this week:

For Thursday, Jan. 5, Ezekiel 21; Friday, Exodus 10:1-13:16 (Bo); Shabbat, Jeremiah 46; 13-28 (haftorah); Sunday, Ezekiel 22; Monday, Ezekiel 23; Tuesday, Ezekiel 24; Wednesday, Ezekiel 25.

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Shul members object to changes

Expanding role for women sparks controversy

By
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TORONTO —

A 68-year-old downtown Toronto Orthodox synagogue has granted women a wider role in its religious services. But the move has sparked dissent among some members who have taken their grievances unsuccessfully to court.

The complainants are opposed to the separate sanctuary set up in the basement of the shul, where men and women are permitted to pray together. They see it as a deviation from the Orthodox tradition of segregating men and women during religious services.

Mixed seating is not allowed in the main sanctuary of The First Narayever Congregation but downstairs, women can deliver sermons, lead prayers and read the Torah.

The plaintiffs objected to women officiating at services. They claimed the changes violated their property rights to have the Narayever's premises used solely as an Orthodox synagogue and that it makes it impossible for them as observant Jews to attend services.

The five plaintiffs' application for an injunction prohibiting the new practices was filed in the Supreme Court of Ontario last spring.

On Oct. 13, Justice Frank Callaghan dismissed the case. He pointed out that none of the complainants had attended regular services and that Orthodox services were available close to the Narayever.

The application was also rejected since no congregation constitution or bylaws exist for the synagogue.

"As far as we know there is no known constitution or bylaws," Barry Olsen said in a telephone interview with The Canadian Jewish News last week. "If the constitution had been found we could have determined whether the new minyan could be introduced and what kind of vote was needed to introduce it," the synagogue member explained.

Olsen, a professor of English literature and Bible at York University supports the changes at the Narayever.

Sheldon [Sholom] Langner, son of the synagogue's longtime rabbi, is one of the five opposing the downstairs minyan. His late father, Solomon, came from a long line of rabbis and emigrated from Galicia to Toronto in 1922. He served as spiritual leader at the Narayever from 1923 until his death around 1972.

In 1977 Sholom Langner was asked to be the synagogue's president and he held that position until 1982.

According to the court affadavit, the new executive assured Langner when he decided to step down that the synagogue would continue "as a purely Orthodox one, as in the past."

Today, members of the congregation deny such a promise was ever made. They point out that Langner was a member of the Narayever since his youth but that he has not regularly attended services at the shul for many years (the reason being that Langner is active in another Orthodox shul at Markham and Ulster.)

Jacob Weintraub has not gone to the Narayever for a long time though he's retained his membership for 33 years. The 71-year-old Weintraub was a "regular" at the synagogue from 1951-65 when he lived near the shul's Brunswick Ave. location.

Although Weintraub is the only non-Orthodox Jew amongst the five plaintiffs he is still opposed to the setup in the downstairs sanctuary.

"The Narayever was established as a traditional Orthodox shul and it should remain that way. Now they want to make a Conservative synagogue out of it," the Bathurst St. resident said.

Records of The First Narayever Congregation date from 1914 and founding members all came from Galicia. (A number came from the small town of Narayav near Lemberg-Lvov, thus the name the Narayever). The synagogue first opened in a room in a house in the Baldwin and Henry area and after three years moved into larger premises at 70 Huron St., just north of Dundas.

As membership grew, the congregation bought and moved into a new building at 187-189 Brunswick Ave. It has been in that location since 1943.

A partition today separates the males from the females but is different than the one on Huron St. in that it divides the room directly in two. The women no longer sit in the remaining back quarter of the room but on the other side of the men in the upstairs sanctuary.

Presently, there are shul services on Sabbath and holidays and the Orthodox ritual of prayer is followed in both the upstairs and downstairs sanctuaries. There is no fulltime spiritual leader but Orthodox Rabbi Shmuel Mann, has often led Rosh Hashanah services.

In the 1950s the Narayever membership dwindled. As members became more prosperous they moved north. The older members gradually passed away and their children no longer retained contact with the shul as it was not convenient for them to attend services downtown when there were larger synagogues uptown, with members of their own age.

During the 60s and 70s membership decreased further and the Narayever building was deteriorating physically. But since the late 70s a number of young Jewish couples who have moved to the downtown area joined the synagogue and breathed new life into it.

The First Narayever Congregation now has 20 family members, but about 70 people who have bought burial plots through the shul retain life membership. Some of this latter group used to attend services at the Narayever in earlier years with their grandparents and parents, but no longer live in the shul area and have lost contact.

In addition to the family members and those who have bought burial plots, there are about a dozen individuals who attend the Narayever regularly but are not members.

The newer members include university-educated women who felt alienated from traditional Orthodox synagogues because they were not allowed wider participation in the services. "Three years ago women started complaining vocally that they had no role in the shul," explained Sylvia Solomon, who is head of the congregation's committee on women and is a special education teacher for the Toronto Board of Education and York University.

Upon assuming office in June 1982 the new board of directors set up a committee to explore an expanded role for women.

In spring 1983, a committee of six synagogue members was formed to examine the feasibility of having some sort of egalitarian minyan at the Narayever.

At a general meeting members were told that a research team was set up to study the pros and cons of such a minyan. The egalitarian minyan idea was then taken to leading Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbis in the city, and although the Orthodox element opposed the changes, several spiritual leaders supported it.

After exploring the issue and writing a recommendation for an egalitarian minyan, the majority-consensus report was presented to the membership.

A second general meeting was held in June and those participating voted on a number of issues such as mixed seating in the main sanctuary and whether there should or should not be a once-a-month egalitarian service downstairs. The first item was defeated but the second one was passed by a majority vote. Moreover, everyone was informed that the upstairs sanctuary would function exactly as before.

In late September, a number of members outlined the details of the egalitarian minyan during two Sunday morning meetings. The meetings were open to all members and questions about seating and other matters were ironed out.

The Narayevers' first egalitarian minyan was held on Nov. 5 and a second on Dec. 3. Since the turnout was good [there were some 35 people and 15 children in attendance] it was decided to have the new service every two weeks rather than once a month.

According to Olsen, there is mixed seating downstairs but there are some rows specifically designated for men and some especially for women.

Solomon claims that the Narayever is the first Orthodox congregation in Canada she knows of that offers such an egalitarian service, and pointed out that she and other young women in the community wanted to be more involved with the actual prayers than they had been. "The Orthodox view of women is a very traditional kind of sex-stereotype gender specific role," she said, adding, though, that the Orthodox tradition has not been stagnant and is always changing, depending on the situation.

Solomon emphasized that the Narayever is still one congregation despite the two separate sanctuary services. Participants in the egalitarian minyan have a joint kiddush with those in the upstairs minyan and a kiddush is held every Sabbath.

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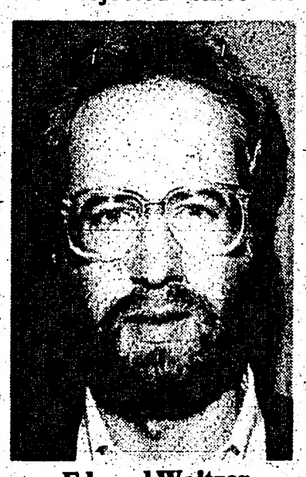

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CJC names members to international meet

MONTREAL —

The Canadian Jewish Congress has named four members to the international meetings of the Memorial Foundation of Jewish Culture and the Material Claims Against Germany Organization to be held in Israel in July.

Milton Harris, president of CJC, will be the official delegate. Other representatives are executive vice-president Alan Rose, chairman of the national executive committee, Dorothy Reitman, and Edward Waitzer, honorary legal counsel.

Harris said it is crucial that the work done at the biennial conference be maintained. "They not only provide important economic assistance to those who are still suffering today because of the Holocaust, but they are also a link that establishes Jewish culture for the future."

Conference members receive reports from the German Federal Republic concerning payments. The Material Claims Against Germany Organization also pursues ongoing cases and helps establish new cases that arise outside the letter of the restitution payment plans.

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Editorial

Greece melts

We certainly hope that the recent statements by World Jewish Congress President Edgar Bronfman regarding a warming up of relations between Israel and Greece may be in the offing.

Ever since Andreas Papandreou took office in Athens, relations between the two countries who gave the world a synthesis of the best in Western thought have been less than cordial.

Papandreou's hostility towards Israel was manifested long before he returned to Greece to take over the leadership mantle.

During his sojourn in Toronto as a professor of political science at York University Papandreou consorted happily with PLO activists and made several anti-Israel speeches to Arab student organizations in Canada and the United States.

When he took over from the junta of generals who had ruled Greece for a decade, Papandreou lost no time in implementing his leftist political philosophy and his anti-Israel views.

During the 1982 Israeli invasion of Lebanon Papandreou was one of the fiercest critics of the Jewish state and used his position to intervene vigorously on behalf of the PLO. Greece was notable in its medical assistance to Arafat's forces.

There seems to be some evidence that Greece has decided to adopt a slightly less truculent attitude towards Israel. According to World Jewish Congress sources Papandreou indicated in recent conversations with Bronfman a more open-minded attitude on relations with Israel.

Politics is, of course, the art of the nuance. We cannot expect a 90-degree turn from Greece overnight. Her dispatch of ships to Tripoli to rescue Arafat notwithstanding, it now appears that Greece may be moderating her animosities towards Israel.

This is a development which is long overdue.

Censor needed

Film classification is by definition a touchy subject, for it impinges on the freedoms we in a democratic society take for granted. And so there will always be voices who will decry any and all attempts by responsible censor boards to maintain community standards.

We, too, are leery of censorship. It can lead to abuses. On the other hand, we would do ourselves a disservice if we abandoned ourselves to the good sense and sensitivity of film distributors, some of whom do not know the meaning of restraint.

In recent years, films exploiting human sexuality and violence have inundated us. This hardcore pornography can make any well adjusted person wince with disgust. We have been bombarded with concentration camp sex films and with films which feature children and animals. We have been deluged with films where women are degraded as sex objects for sadistic or titillatory purposes.

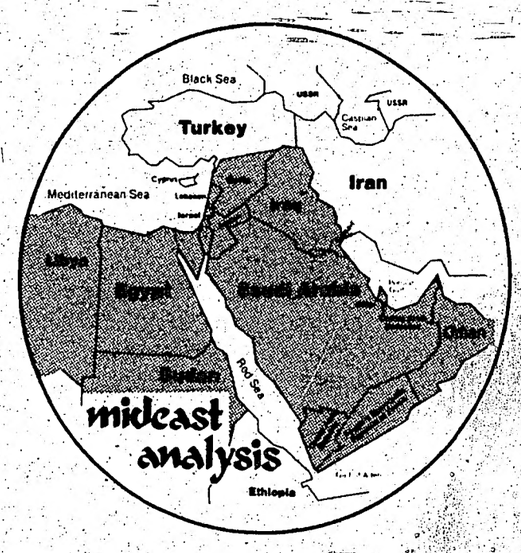
Films such as these brutalize and desensitize their audiences and, say sociological studies, increase the inclination in normal males to commit crimes of violence against women.

Fortunately, the dissemination of hardcore trash is tightly regulated by censor boards throughout this country. Some of their judgements are open to criticism. But, on balance, they should be supported. They are doing what must be done to maintain a civilized society.

Censorship is intrinsically bad, but imagine what the consequences would be if hardcore pornographers were permitted to peddle their filth without any controls.

Mideast remains muddled

Lebanon hotbed upsets peace plans



By
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It was another tumultuous year in the Middle East, but what else is new?

Crystal ball gazers who bet their reputations on the outbreak of peace were, predictably, disappointed.

As a succession of diplomatic do-gooders quickly discovered, the Middle East — the cockpit of tension in the world today — does not lend itself to overnight solutions.

Indeed, the region seemed more convoluted than ever.

In 1983, the aftershocks of the war in Lebanon were still being felt — in Israel, in Arab countries like Lebanon and Syria, and in the ranks of the PLO. Their reverberations will likely be heard in 1984.

Contrary to all its calculations, the U.S. was sucked deeper into the morass that is Lebanon. And the Soviet Union strengthened its role in Syria by rebuilding the Syrian armed forces after its drubbing at the hands of Israel.

The continuing tension in Lebanon froze Israel's peace treaty with Egypt, and deflected attention away from the bloodiest war in the history of the Middle East — that pitting Iraq against Iran.

The Gulf War, now in its fourth year, sowed dissension in the Arab world, making a shambles out of the slogan of Arab unity.

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Last year, the trauma of the Lebanese war gnawed like an ulcer at Israel's body politic, with the Lebanese situation preoccupying hearts and minds.

Five months after Lebanese Christian militiamen committed mass murder in the Sabra and Shatila Palestinian refugee camps, an Israeli judicial commission, which Prime Minister Menachem Begin had been reluctant to set up, unburdened itself of its findings.

The panel ruled that Israel, in having permitted the Phalangists to enter the camps, had been indirectly responsible for the cold-bloded slaughter — which shocked public opinion in Israel but elicited something of a yawn in Lebanon.

Ariel Sharon, the architect of Israel's 1982 invasion, was tarred by the three judges who investigated the tortuous events surrounding Sabra and Shatila. He was forced to resign as minister of defence, and an uproar ensued when Begin (who would step down as Prime Minister) retained the brash Sharon as minister-without-portfolio.

The career of Rafael Eitan, the hawkish chief of staff, was similarly tarnished by the Kahan Commission. Yitzhak Shamir, the foreign minister, was faulted for failing to convey information that might have put an end to the massacre, and Begin himself was criticized for his aloofness from the whole affair.

Later that year, a Lebanese investigator handed down a report which was considered a total whitewash by observers. No one in Lebanon appeared to care.

While hit-and-run guerrilla raids claimed the lives of Israel soldiers in Lebanon, Israeli and Lebanese negotiators bargained long and hard to reach a de facto peace accord. On May 17, with more than a little help from the U.S., they succeeded in hammering out a withdrawal pact containing provisions which might enable Israel to normalize its relations with Lebanon.

The high hopes it engendered were soon dissipated, as Syria — the key Arab player in Lebanon — denounced it and promised to work for its destruction. To this day, the accord has yet to be ratified by Lebanon, fearful of Syria and its array of Lebanese allies.

Former Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

If the agreement is not ratified by Lebanon, the likelihood grows that Syria and Israel — the regional powers — will remain in Lebanon indefinitely.

Lebanon, in practical terms, has already been partitioned into Israeli and Syrian zones of influence. The Druze, backed by Syria, hold sway in the Shouf Mountains overlooking Beirut. And the bedraggled Lebanese government controls a bit of territory — a duchy — around the capital.

Although Israel has withdrawn to new lines south of the Awali River, its casualties keep mounting, prompting protest especially among Israelis who were dubious about the scope of the invasion.

As the old year ended, Israel had resumed its policy of retaliation against hostile forces in Lebanon, causing some Israelis to wonder whether the 1982 military operation had been worth it.

True, Israel had ousted the PLO — currently torn by civil war — from Lebanon and secured its northern border from infiltrators. But Israel could not impose any semblance of stability or order in Lebanon, or extricate itself from the Lebanese involvement.

Far from being peaceful, Lebanon in 1983 was a boiling cauldron of seemingly insoluble rivalries and animosities, stirred by Syria and antagonistic politicians who, traditionally and myopically, cannot see beyond their own noses.

All the problems that were at issue during the 1975-76 civil war — from power sharing to Lebanon's place in Arabdom — were still roiling the waters. The new eruption of warfare between the various ethnic and religious factions, triggered by Israel's strategic retreat from the Shouf Mountains in early September, was merely the latest symptom in the steady deterioration of Lebanon as a viable state.

Not even the U.S. — which has teamed up with Israel in a venture of strategic cooperation aimed against Syria and the Soviet Union — could halt Lebanon's slide into complete anarchy. And at the end of 1983, it appeared that the Reagan administration was part of the problem in Lebanon.

No longer perceived by the majority of Lebanese as an impartial peacemaker, the U.S. is now a combatant in the almost daily clashes which wrack Lebanon. Committed to propping up the weak regime of Amin Gemayel, which critics say represents narrow Christian Maronite interests, the U.S. is thus at war with all those Lebanese factions which want to bring him down, and with Syria.

Historically a power broker in Lebanese affairs, the Syrians — who've been rearmed to the teeth by the Soviet Union — are bent on getting their way in Lebanon, even if this means confrontation with the U.S. and Israel.

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The chaos in Lebanon has resisted the best efforts of U.S. and Arab intermediaries, and has forestalled attempts by Washington to find an equitable solution to the Arab-Israeli dispute.

Discord in the PLO fueled speculation that Ronald Reagan's 1982 peace plan might gain a new lease on life, but his proposals came under heavy flak even before the eruption of infighting within Palestinian ranks.

After Israel rejected the President's proposals, the PLO dillied and dallied, and finally turned it down as well. In April, six months after King Hussein of Jordan opened negotiations with the PLO's Yasser Arafat on the applicability of the Reagan plan, their talks collapsed.

Arafat, simply, lacked Arab/Palestinian backing to go through with a plan which envisaged some sort of Palestinian entity associated with Jordan.

Within a month of the Arafat-Hussein discussions, a serious rift developed in the PLO. By June, rival PLO groups were fighting in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley. By November, the pro-Syrian rebels had ousted Arafat and his loyalists from two refugee camps near the northern Lebanese city of Tripoli.

In a repeat performance of his 1982 humiliation, Arafat was compelled to leave Lebanon on a Greek vessel, this time by Palestinian dissidents rather than by Israel.

Egypt, the ostracized Arab giant, watched these developments with some sense of misgiving and satisfaction. The Egyptians could not applaud the tragedies swirling around them, but they could claim that the Arab world bereft of their leadership was a bitterly divided one.

Egypt, in 1983, made moves to re-enter the Arab political constellation, but they produced no spectacular results until Arafat visited Cairo in a blaze of publicity. Comcomitantly, President Hosni Mubarak upheld his treaty with Israel. However, he refused to add flesh to the bare bones, thereby dashing Israeli hopes for full normalization.

Reagan's proposals came under fire by Israel and PLO

The Egyptian government resisted demands that it reappoint an ambassador to Israel, saying he would not return until Israel left Lebanon and gave the Palestinians of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip some form of genuine self-determination. (Egypt's envoy was withdrawn around the time of the Sabra-Shatila massacre.)

Having represented the Palestinians at the autonomy talks, which were not revived in 1983, Egypt had a special interest in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, which Israel has occupied since the Six Day War.

In opposition to the advice of the U.S., its sole ally and strategic collaborator in the Middle East, Israel expanded its settlements in the occupied territories. The Arab inhabitants, particularly those on the West Bank, displayed resistance to Israel's administration in a spate of incidents.

Israel was pleased by the Iran-Iraq war because both those nations oppose Israel's very existence. Iran received aid and comfort from Syria and Libya, while Iraq won the allegiance of the rest of the Arabs, thereby making a mockery of pan-Arab unity.

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Sweet praise for Soviets went sour

JAFC visit to West greeted by cheering throngs

By
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A little more than 40 years has passed since the memorable tour of North America and Great Britain made by Shloime Mikhoels and Itzik Fefer on behalf of the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee of the Soviet Union.

The JAFC had been formed in Moscow soon after the Nazi invasion of the Soviet Union. Composed of prominent Soviet Jewish artists and intellectuals such as David Bergelson, Ilya Ehrenburg and Peretz Markish, it was designed to serve as a liaison between Soviet and Western Jews in the fight against Hitler, and to ensure that the USSR would reap the full benefit of Jewish goodwill.

For the remainder of the war, the JAFC sent a constant stream of articles, press releases and notices to the Jewish communities in the Western democracies, highlighting the achievements of Soviet Jews on the war fronts.

In December 1942, the JAFC periodical Einigkeit (Unity) published Itzik Fefer's poem Ich Bin a Yid (I Am a Jew). Soon the poem, with its powerful and emotive imagery, was being republished around the world, both in the original Yiddish and in English translation, becoming for many Jews an expression of defiance against Hitler.

In Canada, England, the United States, and the Palestine yishuv, Jewish organizations were formed whose purpose was to aid the Soviet cause with money and medical supplies.

This enthusiasm reached its peak in the summer and autumn of 1943, when Fefer, then a colonel in the Red Army, and Mikhoels, the renowned director of the Moscow Yiddish State Theatre, visited the Jewish communities of the West.

The two Soviet dignitaries arrived in Washington on June 15, 1943, and began a cross-country American tour, in the company of Sholem Asch, the Yiddish author. Other sponsors included such prominent dignitaries as Nahum Goldmann, Abba Hillel Silver and Stephen S. Wise, and Hollywood stars Eddie Cantor and Paul Muni.

Traveling as far west as Los Angeles, they were met with rousing receptions everywhere. The crescendo of their American visit was reached at a mass rally in the Polo Grounds, New York, July 8, where Albert Einstein, Paul Robeson and Asch, among others, greeted them. The stadium was packed with 47,000 people, prompting the New York Daily Worker correspondent, Louis Budenz, to call it "the largest Jewish meeting ever to be held anywhere in the world."

After their American tour, the pair arrived in Canada Sept. 2, speaking first in Montreal and then in Toronto. As was the case in the U.S., many Jewish leaders joined in welcoming the Soviet guests; even those who felt uneasy feared casting aspersions on the Soviet war effort at such a critical time.

In Montreal's Forum, Samuel Bronfman, leader of the Canadian Jewish Congress, sat on the platform with Mikhoels and Fefer in front of an enthusiastic overflow crowd. Pro-Soviet emotions ran high; the city's Cartier constituency, heavily Jewish in composition, had a month earlier elected a Communist, Fred Rose, to the House of Commons in a by-election.

The same welcome awaited them in Toronto, where 15,000 people filled Maple Leaf Gardens to capacity and saw the mayor introduce them.

In Britain, newspaper reports of the North American tour of Mikhoels and Fefer added to the groundswell of expectation, and their arrival was eagerly anticipated. Walter Holmes, a columnist for the London Daily Worker, in late September described Mikhoels as one of the USSR's leading Shakespeareans, and called his Yiddish State Theatre "a part of the Soviet struggle against Fascism." The Yiddish poet A. N. Stencl remarked in the September 1943 issue of his magazine London-Veitchepl that it was particularly gratifying to receive these visitors from "the only country where our language," Yiddish, was officially recognized. The October issue featured four poems by Fefer, while the November one included two articles honoring Mikhoels, as well as another highlighting their visit.

Their arrival was preceded by two mass meetings. The first of these was held in the People's Palace, in Stepney, the borough where most of London's Jews lived, on Oct. 10. "Jewish men and women from all parts of East London" flocked to the meeting to pay tribute "to their brethren in the USSR," said the East London Advertiser. Although there was room for more than 2,000 people, hundreds had to be turned away.

Itzik Fefer, far right, with members of the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee organied by the Soviets during World War II. From left are Ben-Zion Goldberg [U.S. visitor], Lena Shtern and General Aaron Katz.

The mayor of Stepney served as chairman of the meeting; Prof. Selig Brodetsky, president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, told the audience that "in Russia the Jew is something. Stalin is proud of the Jews. May Russia be an example to other countries." One week later, at a meeting in the Stoll Theatre, Chief Rabbi J. H. Hertz remarked that the USSR had saved "the men, women and children of Palestine," and that "if Russia had not made her immortal stand, Jews in this country would by now have been led off in death trains."

Mikhoels and Fefer arrived in London on Oct. 30. At their first press conference, they announced the purposes of their visit: to develop comradeship between British and Soviet Jews, and to assist the war effort against fascism. On the next day they traveled to Manchester, where the Yiddish writer Joseph Leftwich introduced them to a crowd of 4,500 people.

After a visit to Glasgow, they returned to London, where on Nov. 7 they were the guests of honor at two official functions: a meeting at Caxton Hall sponsored by the Jewish Fund for Soviet Russia, where the speakers included the Yiddish journalist Morris Myer, Prof. Hyman Levy, and J. L. Fine, the labor leader; and a celebration at the Stoll Theatre of the October 1917 Revolution, presided over by Hewlett Johnson, the Dean of Canterbury and attended by such notables as J. B. Priestley and the Soviet ambassador, Feodor Gusev.

Mikhoels described Nazi barbarities

Their first east London rally was held a week later. Mick Mindel, chairman of the Stepney Trades Council, began the proceedings, followed by Barnett Janner, chairman of the Zionist Federation. Loud applause then greeted the two Russians, who, of course, spoke in Yiddish.

Mikhoels described the Nazi barbarities at Kiev, which had just been discovered during the Soviet recapture of that city, asserting that 56,000 Jews had been massacred at Babi Yar; all told, the Germans had by now killed four million Jews in Europe. "That is what you must realize. It is not only a Russian affair. It is an all-Jewish affair, and we have come here to transform your feelings of hatred and indignation into bullets and into shells and into bayonets to plunge into the heart of the enemy."

Mikhoels concluded with the words "Am Yisroel Chai" ("The people of Israel lives").

Then Fefer spoke, telling the crowd that "I have been through the streets of Whitechapel, and I have seen the ruins, and they reminded me of the ruins in Stalingrad." He went on to express his pride in all the Jews who were fighting back, in the Soviet and Allied armies, in the ghettos, and with the partisans in Poland and Russia. "We are proud," he said, "of the Jews of Palestine who are fighting."

Mikhoels and Fefer received a particularly warm welcome at a gathering sponsored by the Workers' Circle. Prof. Chimen Abramsky, then a member of the National Jewish Committee of the Communist Party, has recalled that this event attracted many Jews active in the tailors' unions. It was announced that 1,600 pounds had been collected for the Jewish Fund for Soviet Russia by members of the circle; later it would be made known that this money was being used to purchase a mobile X-ray unit for the Red Army.

Mikhoels and Fefer had a long meeting with Brodetsky, Hertz and Janner on another evening during their visit. They also met with Lazar Zaidman, Jacob Sonntag, Alec Waterman, Hyman Levy and Chimen Abramsky — all members of the National Jewish Committee of the CP — in order to urge them to continue their work on behalf of the JFSR.

On Nov. 21, the day before their departure for Russia, they were officially welcomed at a full meeting of the Board of Deputies. Brodetsky introduced them as representatives of Russia, adding, "we express our admiration and love for that great army and people."

In a calculated dig at the British government, which had just released the fascist leader Oswald Mosley from detention, Fefer remarked that "if we catch a fascist in our country we do not let him go."

That evening the two Russians made their farewell appearance in a public meeting sponsored by the JFSR. Chief Rabbi Hertz noted that anti-semitism was a crime in the Soviet Union. He then read "Ich Bin a Yid," and cried.

Long after the departure of Mikhoels and Fefer, the political repercussions of their visit were still to be felt. Mick Mindel has explained that the Yiddish-speaking Jewish workers were "tremendously proud of these great artists."

According to another witness, Ray Waterman, the visit had an "electrifying" effect: "Everyone was delighted to find out how Yiddish they were."

J. W. Bentley, who prior to the war was chairman of the Jewish People's Council Against Fascism and Anti-Semitism, recalled that "Mikhoels and Fefer created a sensation in the east end of London. They were loved, they were respected, and great hopes were generated in favor of the Soviet Union in consequence of their coming." Indeed, in 1954, a Communist candidate, Phil Piratin, was elected to the British House of Commons from the Mile End division of Stepney.

We now know how misplaced these hopes were. In Russia, the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee was dissolved in November 1948, and most of its members arrested; Mikhoels had already been murdered by Stalin's secret police in January. Fefer was executed, along with 23 other leading intellectuals, including David Bergelson and Peretz Markish, on Aug. 12, 1952. The long night of Soviet Jewry had begun.

Though the expectations raised by the Mikhoels-Fefer visit were later to be so horribly dashed, their expedition to the Jewish communities of the West remains an important event in the history of the Jewish people during World War II.

The Galilee beckons those who want to build good life

By
CARL ALPERT

HAIFA —

It's becoming fashionable, once again, to talk about immigrating to Israel. The idea is beginning to sink in that one does not have to be a refugee to make one's home there. The trouble is that most of the promotional literature which I have seen is dull. It captures none of the thrill and excitement and exhilaration of life in Israel.

The following, then, is by way of casual suggestion to those who have permitted the idea of aliya to flicker through their minds.

If you're looking for a place which is as much as possible like Toronto or Montreal, choose the greater Tel Aviv area. It is big and loud and brassy. It has slums and luxury neighborhoods and traffic jams along with its cultural attractions. It's a big city. To tell the truth, it's a second-rate copy of the real thing. If this is what you are looking for, you might as well stay where you are. Still, many newcomers like it; there's no accounting for tastes.

Those who are really looking for something new and different, with a high quality of life, wholesome and purposeful, might well look into the opportunities that await you in Galilee. This northern part of Israel is a many-faceted area. It contains Israel's highest mountains, sub-tropics below sea level, farms and towns and rolling hills.

There is no one way of life in the Galilee. The choice includes kibbutzim, farm villages, development towns, clean, new cities and even isolated mountain-top lookout points for those who crave open spaces.

We cite just a few of the many dozens of places where olim from the free world are integrating successfully. For example: Karmiel, Israel's youngest big town, founded 20 years ago, has a population of over 18,000. It is only a 40-minute drive to Haifa. The town planning emphasizes walks and malls for pedestrians and children. The streets are tree-lined, and flowers abound. No wonder Karmiel won a prize two years ago as Israel's most beautiful city.

Maalot is further north, a smaller, quiet town, nestling in the mountains. Relations with the Arab neighbors can be judged by the fact that Jewish Maalot and Arab Tarshiha are jointly governed by one town council.

Safed, the mystic city, now has a population of 16,000. Here is the color and charm of an artists' village, the exotic ancient quarter where the Kabbala flourished, and topping the city heights, the Toman fortress and Crusader ruins. One lives here in the midst of history.

Almost everywhere housing is available, and in many cases newcomers can build their own homes, to their own tastes, with liberal assistance.

But settlers must make a living as well. The new developments have created a demand for professionals of all kinds. Sophisticated science-based industries require scientific and technical staff. There is need for personnel in administration, in education, in public service.

Schools for the children and health services for the family? These are fields Israel does not neglect.

Don't come with illusions. Nothing is offered on a silver platter, but those who are willing to invest a bit of effort and determination, with a liberal dash of patience, will reap a rich harvest in terms of a life of fulfilment.

Choose your location in the Galilee. Stick a pin anywhere in the map and you are bound to prick an antiquity, a modern community centre, the tomb of a venerable sage, an electronics factory, a tourist hotel, a Crusader castle, a waterfall, a Druze village, a mysterious cave, a dude ranch, a vegetarian village, a miracle shrine, a yeshiva, a Roman amphitheatre, a modern cinema, a hot springs health spa or familiar biblical sites galore. The Galilee has them all . . . and more.

Opinion

"Deviating from Torah only brings trouble"

Tasher community is a trip back into golden age

By
LEAH BELFON

BOISBRIAND, Quebec —

Half an hour north of Montreal is a community that is so far removed from contemporary urban life as to be in a completely different world. And that's just the way Grand Rabbi Ferencz Lowy, the Tasher Rebbe, wants it to be.

Walking the streets of the Tasher community is a trip back into the golden age of European Jewry. There are no compromises for the sake of modernity. Jewish life is lived as it has been for centuries . . . indeed, for millenia, according to every letter, every inflection, of the Law of Moses and Israel.

The Rebbe came from Hungary to Montreal in 1951, and in 1963 established the nucleus of the present community. Now over a thousand people live there, and a busy little village has been built.

The Tasher yeshiva and girls' school attract students from all over, as does the kolel where older men pursue Torah study. And, while people go about their daily work, their Torah-adherent outlook permeates everything they do.

The serenity of those who practice the chassidic lifestyle is obvious even to an observer. Rabbi Pinchas Greenwald, a leading member of the community, told me why:

"Many people wonder why we live this way. The answer is simple. We cling to the ways of the past because of their proven merit. Deviating from the Torah only brings trouble.

"You can't argue with the truth," Rabbi Grunwald continued. "The truth is that we exist as a people today only because of those who did not forsake Jewish law. Those who assimilated and intermarried are no longer among our people."

Grunwald's wife, Chana, shared her feelings on the role of a traditional Jewish woman in a chassidic society:

"People from outside the community always ask whether I'm happy. They wonder how I 'fulfil myself.' Well, I'm very fulfilled. I think many of those women secretly envy me.

"I am doing exactly what I want to do," she continued. "How many women can say that? I am creating a home where the personal growth of everyone in the family is nourished according to Torah ideals. What can be more worthwhile than that? In my opinion, the outside world can learn from us how to uphold the honor and dignity of the woman."

The Tasher Rebbe is rabbi, teacher, counselor and father to everyone here. Grunwald spoke lovingly about the head of the community:

"The Rebbe's compassion is boundless because he is the living embodiment of the precept of Ahavas Yisroel — loving one's fellow Jew. He feels a person's pain and prays for him and with him. The Rebbe also gives practical assistance and gives counsel on family and business matters."

A man very close to the Rebbe is Rabbi Yisroel Lowen. Lowen built and equipped an ambulance and supervises three licensed paramedics. He spoke of the philosophy behind the community:

"We certainly have our share of human failings. But we try always to remember that we are servants of the Almighty. For that is what each of us is — whether he realizes it or not. At every moment, we try to remain aware that only thanks to the Creator can we eat, think, move or even breathe.

"That is why a Jew recites blessings before eating and why he gives thanks afterwards. That is why three times a day he puts everything aside and turns to the Creator to praise Him for His goodness. This concept is the essence of our everyday life."

Those wishing more information are invited to contact Rabbi Lowen or Rabbi Grunwald at the Tasher Yeshiva, 2 Beth Halevy, Boisbriand, Quebec, J7E 4H4. Telephone: (514) 430-6380.

A Chumash class in Tash.

Grand Rabbi Ferencz Lowy.

Controversy also surrounded mixed seating

Women rabbis vote called wise move

By
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[Chairman of the adult education committee of the United Synagogue of America]

MONTREAL —

Rabbi M. J. Burak, in his CJN column of Dec. 15, responds to a very cogent question: Was the Jewish Theological Seminary wise in agreeing to ordain women rabbis?

Unfortunately his answer is misleading. He starts by stating that Rabbi Elyse Goldstein, a Reform woman rabbi, hailed the decision. He proceeds to quote from the Talmud a number of irrelevant anecdotes about the activities of certain female scholars. And he ends by advising the JTS to train women who aspire to the rabbinate to become schochtim.

The question deserves a more serious analysis. There can be no question that this step has the approval, not only of a lone female rabbi, but of the overwhelming majority of the Conservative movement, comprising 300,000 families in North America. The Rabbinical Assembly, based on a vote taken last spring, is in favor of accepting women rabbis by a majority barely short of the two-thirds figure required to amend its constitution to admit women.

The United Synagogue, comprising 830 synagogues, and the Women's League for Conservative Judaism have both endorsed the move. And, in October, the seminary faculty made the decision by a vote of 34-8.

This decision was based on both sociological and theological considerations.

The sociological problem was to assess properly the impact of the most visible change in 20th century life: the worldwide drive for women's equality with men in all spheres of society. The seminary leadership decided that this demand for equality was irreversible, and must be addressed if the synagogue is to be restored to its proper position of centrality in Jewish life.

I have no doubt that the vote was also influenced by the fact that the committee on laws and standards of the Rabbinical Assembly has been making adjustments on an orderly basis over the past three decades in synagogue ritual, all designed to accommodate this same drive towards equality for women: mixed seating, aliyot for women, permitting them to say kaddish, and counting them in the minyan.

Viewed in this light, the seminary decision was a logical culmination of this evolutionary response to a sociological phenomenon that paralleled in religious life the drive for democratic equality for women at the beginning of this century, and must lead to a similar conclusion. In the eyes of God, as in the eyes of man, some humans cannot be considered more equal than others.

The decision was also theologically wise and consistent. Solomon Schechter, the founder of Conservative Judaism, and first chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary, enunciated some 60 years ago the doctrine of Catholic Israel as a theological principle for the movement.

"It is neither Scripture nor primitive Judaism but general custom, which forms the real rule of practice . . . Liberty was always given to the great teachers of every generation to make modifications and innovations in harmony with the spirit of existing institutions. The norm, as well as the sanction of Judaism, is the practice actually in vogue. Its consecration is the consecration of general use — or in other words, of Catholic Israel."

These words have a direct bearing on the decision to ordain women. This can be traced by examining how this doctrine of "Catholic Israel" operated when the first step towards female equality was taken by the "great teachers of our generation," who form our committee on laws and standards.

They decided some 30 years ago to permit women to come out from behind the mechitza and sit with their families in the synagogue. Whether this was a modification or an innovation in the interpretation of halachah is irrelevant, since Schechter's doctrine encompassed both.

The key point to remember is that, like all rulings of the law committee (that are not unanimous, as few are), these rulings are permissive and not mandatory. They followed Schechter's view that the consecration of any such ruling is the "consecration of general use."

At the time this ruling was made, there were about 400 congregations in the United Synagogue, all of which had separate seating. During the next 30 years, the United Synagogue almost doubled its membership to its present figure of about 830 congregations, making it the largest synagogue organization in the world.

Not only have all the new congregations adopted mixed seating, but all the original 400 congregations have changed over to mixed seating — with the exception of one synagogue in Montreal.

At the recent biennial convention, Chancellor Gerson Cohen announced to the delegates that the synagogue of the seminary faculty, which had maintained separate seating out of deference to some of its members who found it difficult to break the habit of a lifetime and pray alongside of women, has now adopted mixed seating.

Can there be any doubt that the principle of ultimate equality for women in religious ritual, as exemplified by the seating of women together with men in public prayer, has now received the consecration of general use? What better proof can one adduce of the prophetic wisdom of Solomon Schechter's theological doctrine of Catholic Israel, and of the widsom of our law committee, in remaining faithful to this doctrine in its subsequent rulings.

Whether women rabbis will, in their turn, also receive the consecration of general use remains for future history to determine. As in the case of mixed seating, we may have to wait another 30 years for that verdict to be delivered.

But, at this writing, the decision to ordain women rabbis, despite the difficulties a small minority within our ranks is experiencing in adjusting to it, must be considered by any impartial observer to be wise, realistic and consistent with our declared objective of conserving Judaism as a living faith in a rapidly changing society.

Magazine sees pornography as plague sweeping Israel

NEW YORK [JTA] —

Israel is experiencing a pornography plague, which is spreading unchecked throughout the country's media — mass-circulation "family" magazines; youth newspaper supplements; advertising in print, movie houses and on billboards; and "blue" movie and videotape screenings — according to a report in LILITH, a Jewish women's magazine, by communications specialist Dr. Judith Bat-Ada.

"The pornographic themes of sadism, pseudo-homosexuality and child pornography are being woven into the daily family, women's and general circulation media, and the street and travel environment" in Israel, writes Bat-Ada.

Many magazines, she said, feature "sexual violence as Israeli chic," advertising and "artistic" scenes which are "sensuously brutal," and fashion ads for children's clothing showing the children sometimes naked, and in "provocative" poses.

Israeli women's and family magazines, Bat-Ada reports, "increasingly include sexually exploitative images of unclothed females writhing in various states of arousal" and "blatantly violent images assaulting female dignity," including photos of topless teen girls.

Referring to Monitin, the 250,000-circulation "family" magazine, Bat-Ada writes: "Women are slabs of meat to Monitin's photographic eye: cut up into manageable portions — legs, breasts, thighs, lips." The magazine, she continues, has featured photos of "nude-sexy" battered women; women bound and tortured; and women running in fear.

Opinion

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English, brief [no more than 250 words], typewritten [double spaced, please], free of libel, and of interest to our reading public. We reserve the right to edit letters.

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POPPA RULES THE HOME, TOO

Re the controversy about the Conservative ordination of female rabbis:

To quote Fiddler On the Roof, some of your correspondents seem to think it's a woman's role to make "a quiet home, a kosher home," while at synagogue "poppa's free to read the holy books."

The home, however, has never been a woman's world, if you consider Judaism as more than just preparing a kosher meal.

Who makes kiddush in most Conservative homes? Poppa does. And havdala? Poppa again. And who supervises the son when he puts on tefillen? Likewise the Passover seder and pidyan haben are male-oriented. And sitting shiva? Even if she is the mourner, the home services are run by men in a male minyan.

As an active synagogue Jew and father of three teenagers, I reject the philosophy that expects women to be second-class Jews in home and shul. If there are women who want to be "whole people" and cannot find acceptance in their own synagogue, I know my shul, Temple Har Zion, would welcome them. Our president and her husband would, too.

Ray Havelock
Toronto

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CARR DISPUTES SALUTIN

The Dec. 15 CJN carried a letter from Rick Salutin on the subject of dissent and criticism within the Canadian Jewish community today ("UnJewish to muzzle dissent").

Mr. Salutin objects to a letter I wrote — in my capacity as a lawyer — in which he quotes me as saying that The CJN felt no obligation to print his reply to Rabbi Plaut's column, which was critical of one of Mr. Salutin's Maclean's magazine articles on Lebanon.

Salutin also seemed to feel that my position was inappropriate when, as he said, I had myself objected to the lack of balance in the general press when reporting on Lebanon in 1982.

Salutin misquotes and wrenches my letter out of context.

Rabbi Plaut's column, written in November, 1982, took Mr. Salutin to task for the contents of the Maclean's article, and, specifically, for the use of phrases and words, such as the characterization of the Israel Defence Forces as "a juggernaut employing blitzkreig tactics, "holocaust" and "genocide" and his comparison of West Beirut with the Warsaw Ghetto.

Salutin then wrote a letter in response and The CJN did not use it.

Ten months later [!] Salutin's lawyer wrote to The CJN complaining that it had refused to print his client's letter. He used a novel argument: that the Charter of Rights and Freedom of Canada required The CJN to print Salutin's letter.

It was in response to that assertion that I said that it was the paper's belief that editors of newspapers have not had their right of choice of material for their papers curtailed in the manner which he suggested.

Salutin should also be a little more accurate when he describes the nature of my complaints about the general press and Lebanon. My complaints were not related to an imbalance. They were directed to the dissemination of false, unverified information in their news and to wholesale distortion in their commentaries.

It is, of course, into that latter category that Mr. Salutin's own commentary in Maclean's fell. It was that kind of writing which, in my own view, separated him from many other critics of the policies of the government of Israel.

One could disagree with them, but they did not choose comparisons, language or titles of articles — such as "Hitler's Haunting Last Laugh" which was the caption on Salutin's piece — which robbed Salutin's position of any credibility.

Donald Carr
Toronto

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GREEK THEATRE OF ABSURD

That the world is absurd is no surprise. But every once in a while, the absurd becomes sordidly disturbing.

If the "Greeks eye closer ties with Israel" (as you headlined in your Dec. 22 edition), then why did those same Greeks assist that PLO terrorist-murderer, Yasser Arafat, and his henchmen to escape from Tripoli?

I think we all know the answer. It's the same reason that Brian Mulroney and the East Germans now voice their support of Israel and things Jewish. It's called seizing the moment.

Susan Fiddler
Toronto

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MACCABEES AND JUNGLE LAW

I was shocked by your "Jungle Law" editorial, printed in your Dec. 1 Chanukah edition no less. Evidently the lesson of Chanukah escaped you. For surely the Maccabees knew very well how to deal with enemies of their people.

Your editorial defends the "rights" of the Nazi killers in this country, and speaks of their presumed "innocence." What attorney Edward Greenspan rightfully proposes is evidence of guilt. Nazi war criminals are not merely suspect. Their crimes against humanity are well-documented in Simon Wiesenthal's Documentation Centre.

Check it and you will have no scruples. No innocent citizens here.

Norman Lipschutz
Glace Bay, NS

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MUSIC CRITIC CRITICIZED

I have no idea who wrote the generous but inaccurate review of my performance (Dec. 8, "Cohon is highlight of musical program").

I was, of course, pleased and flattered, but whoever wrote it should be aware that the article was riddled with errors.

First, my name is not "Cohon."

Next, although I do speak French and sing in it, I cannot imagine what "French origin" [or for that matter "Hebrew origin"] means in the context. I sang exclusively in Judeo-Spanish [not Ladino, which is the liturgical language as opposed to the spoken one], using material from both Moroccan and eastern Mediterranean [Greek, Turkish, Yugoslav] Sephardim.

I do not and have never played the flute or the violin. I suppose it is possible to mistake a Renaissance alto recorder for a flute and a vertically-held medieval vielle for a violin, though it seems unlikely. The other instruments I used were the oud (Middle Eastern lute), an Afghan lute, a derbukka (goblet drum) and a sonazha (tambourine, as it is called by Moroccan Judeo-Spanish-speaking Sephardim).

Moshe Oziel did not sing romanceros. He sang romances — Hispanic ballads with a specific form and rhyme scheme.

In short, I appreciate the review, but if the reviewer is as uninformed as it would indicate, surely it would have been a simple matter to approach me and ask a few questions. In fact, he/she could have gone to The CJN's own files and read the interview with me by Rick Kardonne (March 18, 1982).

Judith Cohen
Toronto

Editor's note: The review was written by music critic Rick Kardonne, who replies in his column this week in the Toronto edition.

HE DIFFERS WITH RABBI BURAK

The weekly columns of Rabbi Burak — although sometimes extremely controversial — seem to be completely ignored by your letter writers. Am I the only person who reads his column?

Rabbi Burak recently referred to the saying in Pirkei Avot: "Appoint a rabbi for yourself." Any teacher will agree that students cannot learn, especially at the outset of their studies, if they do not have a total faith in their teacher. This is the sense of the talmudic principle of trusting the teacher, even if he says right is left.

However, this is only part of the story. There comes a point in the intellectual development of the student where he may indeed find himself in disagreement with his rabbi. It is to this person that Perek says "Appoint a rabbi **for yourself**" i.e. — if your rabbi doesn't suit you, find another who does.

By misinterpreting this saying to mean "Put you whole trust in the rabbi," we are following the ideas of modern chassidism, which does not seem to have taught us very much other than it is permissable — even laudable — to physically assault other chassidim or indeed anyone else who dares to disagree with us. If we work backward through the generations and examine the teachings of the original chassidim, we find less and less stress placed on the importance of the rebbe.

It has been said that the death of North American Jewry will occur through just such a slavish belief in the power of the rabbi. The great mass of Jews who practice what Rabbi Irwin Witty has called "pediatric Judaism," will vanish into assimilation, leaving the rabbi as the token observant Jew of the community.

These problems are, of course, ultimately related to the much larger problem of the way in which we educate our children — especially the girls. Leaving aside the thorny question of women rabbis, there is still no greater handicap to the cultural development of Jewish children than a mother who is religiously ignorant and spiritually uneman-cipated.

Charles Heller
Toronto

Everything around us is changing

Sadness surrounds Thursday night happy gang

By
J. B. SALSBERG

There is no use concealing it any longer. My good uncle Eliezer's renowned Thursday night shvitz buddies, the well known steambath Sanhedrin, have been a dejected, low-spirited lot for some weeks now. (That, by the way, is the reason why you, my loyal readers, have not heard from them lately.)

J. B. Salsberg

Is it the mid-winter blues that depresses their spirits? Not at all. I know, because I discussed the causes of their dejection with my uncle in the presence of his most loyal companion, Mendle, more than once recently. Their unhappiness stems from the state of affairs in the world, the divisivness that enveloped Israel, the frightfulness that hovers over the Arab world and, yes, the negative impact that our rapidly changing lifesyle is having on the Thursday night shvitz group itself.

Nothing seems to have evolved as expected by them. In short, uncle Eliezer's Sanhedrin is in the doldrums.

At our last discussion we agreed that their experience is, perhaps, not as unique as they think. By the time we had consumed the fifth or sixth glass of tea and lemon in my place we agreed to go public, so to speak, and to discuss it in this priviliged space. So, here we begin.

As for the Thursday night shvitz associates: There is no denying that their accustomed pattern of functioning is becoming increasingly disturbed. In the past the group met, submitted itself to the delightful tortures of the breath-taking steam waves, partook in the mouth-watering repast [cornbeef sandwiches and the lechayims] and the spirited intellectual exchanges that followed every single week of the year. Neither rain nor storm, as they say, disrupted that highlight of their existence. But that is no longer true.

Every summer, increasing numbers of the group disappear for a few weeks to visit their children who have moved to other parts of the country.

As for the winters, the time when the Thursday nighters reached their zenith of enjoyment, that glorious season of past years has become a depressing ordeal. More and more old-timers vanish to the ballyhooed sands of Florida. Some go for a few weeks, others for a few months and some for the entire winter. (Some even stay there till after Pesach so as not to be burdened with the enormous tasks of preparing a family seder!

During such "off-seasons" the loyal, stay-at-home members of the Thursday nighters continue to meet at the old shvitz palace. But the get-togethers are skimpy, without spirit and saddening because they only underscore the glories of past assemblies.

I tried to console my uncle and Mendle (both unwilling absentees in mid-winter due to the machinations of their wives and children) by pointing out that what's happening to their group is actually happening to all our communities. In other words, it's a universal distortion of our old patterns of living and not a peculiar experience of the Thursday night happy gang.

Uncle Eliezer and his bosom pal, Mendle, looked at me with eyes that betrayed an unreadiness to accept my rationalization. So I widened the area of our Jewish concerns to demonstrate that long-established social and cultural patterns have also undergone unbelievable change.

In olden times, I informed my visitors, Jewish social, cultural and institutional life blossomed forth immediately following the High Holy Days. The Yiddish theatre opened its doors for the season after the Yom Kippur fast. New York speakers and lecturers descended upon our community in waves. Societies, landsmanshaften and Jewish political bodies renewed their activities with unbelievable energy.

Since there was no unified fund raising instruments (like the United Jewish Appeal at present) in those days, the countless "money raising drives" got into stride with the first sign of snowflakes falling to the ground. Almost everybody was out raising funds from everybody else for something or other.

That meant also an endless series of banquets, balls, concerts, theatre nights, melaveh malkes, package parties, raffles, "bloomen teg" (tag days) and just plain small-sum collections from door-to-door. What a kaleidoscope of activity brightened the atmosphere in the then encampments of the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in good, old, Toronto during the winter months.

Who needed Florida? And, for that matter, how many knew of Florida? Jewish life was in full bloom during the cold, snowy season then.

Uncle Eliezer and Mendle nodded as I unfolded our past but they were not consoled.

"I'm afraid," I said to them philosophically, that we have to accept the new realities and adjust to them as best as we can."

"Right," said my uncle sadly, "but it won't be the same."

Of course, I agreed, it won't be the same, but you must hang on to the weekly shvitz-night rituals even with fewer participants and concentrate more content in those partions of the year when the old timers, be they blessed with long life, will all be back and will gather at the old stand.

It was not a happy parting that evening when I escorted uncle Eliezer and Mendle to the snow-covered street below. As to the wider issues that worry my uncle, I hope to deal with them next week.

World-National

...of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

In 1948, on Shevat 5 (Jan. 9 this year), 35 young Jews were ambushed and killed in the Hebron hills while attempting to relieve the Arab siege of Gush Etzion. It was another blow against the stubborn resistance of the small isolated group of Jewish settlements guarding the southern approach to Jerusalem.

Kfar Etzion, the group's first settlement, was founded by survivors of the Hebron massacre of 1929, as an agricultural-resort kibbutz along the Jerusalem-Hebron road. Its strategic position — it was now the only Jewish presence in an area that had grown predominantly Arab — attracted doughty pioneers as well as intensifying local hostility.

After several years of international sabotage and pilferage, Kfar Etzion was overwhelmed by an Arab attack. About half the settlers were killed. Dozens more escaped to Jerusalem, about 12 miles to the north. They returned to start up the settlement again.

By the early 40s, the Gush (group) included Kfar Etzion, Matsuot Yitzhak, Revadim, and Ein Tzurim, all within a mile and a half of each other and totaling some 200 Jewish settlers. Surrounding them was a loop of Arab towns and villages, from Beit Jalla and Bethlehem to the north, Halhul and Hebron to the south, Surif to the west and Beit Fajjar to the east.

Sporadic harassment gave way to siege after the United Nations announced its agreement to allow a Jewish state in Palestine, on Nov. 29, 1947. Palestinian Arabs were joined by infiltrators from the regular armies of Syria, Iraq and Jordan. Egypt massed its forces to sweep up from the south. A prime Arab objective was Jerusalem, the Old City and the New. In the middle of the attack route from the south stood Gush Etzion.

On Dec. 10, 1947, 10 Jews were killed and four wounded when a convoy on the Jerusalem-Hebron road was ambushed as it tried to get through with food, medicine, fuel and arms to the besieged Gush. Arab observers waiting for Jewish convoys were aided by British police, who confiscated Jewish weapons and often gave them to the attackers. Organizing the blockade to Etzion was Kamal Irekat, the man who first promised to throw the Jews into the sea. Included in the Arab efforts was a network of snipers.

It was the next month when Haganah fighter Danny Mass organized a group of Hebrew University students for a small but audacious attempt to relieve the Gush: a hike by night through the Hebron hills to outflank the roadblocks. As they set out, one of the young men twisted his ankle and was taken back by another. The rest carried on into the cold night, their backs laden with supplies.

Sunrise found the group about two miles from its destination. Suddenly, they came face to face with an old Arab peasant. Their humanity prevailed, and they let him go unharmed.

The old Arab ran to the nearest village. The alarm was sounded throughout the district. A mile further down, Mass' students were met by some 1,500 armed Arabs. The young Jews fought to the last man, throwing rocks when their ammunition ran out. Their mutilated bodies were left in the field.

Early in the morning on Easter Sunday, March 28, 1948, a large convoy that included four armored buses and 14 armored cars got through the Arab blockade. The returning vehicles, carrying women, children and the Gush's aged, were ambushed at Nebi Daniel by a series of barricades and more than 2,000 Arabs. Part of the convoy managed to break free and return to Kfar Etzion; the rest, 180 people, made their stand in a stone hut at the side of the road.

They repulsed wave after wave of Arabs charging for blood and booty. The defenders fought for close to 24 hours, without water or food, exhausted, with dwindling ammunition, before the British arranged a truce. The survivors were forced to surrender their arms before being evacuated with their 40 wounded and 13 dead, some of the bodies already burned and mutilated. It was the last convoy.

On May 13, on the eve of Israel's declaration of independence, Gush Etzion surrendered. Some of its defenders were taken to Jordan and later exchanged for Arab prisoners of war. About 90 were slaughtered by Arab irregulars in the cellar of Kfar Etzion's infirmary.

After the Six Day War, children of the settlers returned to lead the founding of two kibbutzim — Kfar Etzion and Rosh Tzurim — and a large religious centre, Elon Shevut.

Views different over Arafat visit

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are hopeful that such talks will serve to persuade Mr. Arafat that peace negotiations within the framework of the President's initiative are the best means of achieving Palestinian goals."

To ensure all the parties understood Washington's positive assessment of the Arafat — Mubarak talks — which were roundly criticized by even Palestinians loyal to Arafat — Reagan said in a year-end interview that he was optimistic about reviving his peace proposals — rejected by Israel, the PLO, Syria and much of the Arab world.

Reagan, who recently concluded successful talks with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir on strategic cooperation, made this comment after Meir Rosenne — Israel's ambassador to Washington — delivered an official protest to the U.S. over the Arafat-Mubarak meeting and, presumably, over Washington's attitude toward it.

Despite fierce Palestinian reaction to Arafat's apparent reconsideration of Reagan's plan (the central committee of Fatah, the PLO faction controlled by Arafat, said Arafat's move "came as an individual action"), Egypt continued to push the idea of Arafat-Hussein talks.

Osama El Baz, Mubarak's foreign policy advisor, reportedly went to Jordan to keep the momentum going. Shafi Abdel Hamid, Egypt's assistant secretary of state for foreign affairs, said in Jerusalem that Mubarak's meeting with Arafat was designed to bring about an expansion of the peace process.

Hamid, the first top-level Egyptian diplomat to visit Israel since Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon, was told in no uncertain terms by Shamir that Israel would not — nor could not — negotiate with the PLO.

Arafat, meanwhile, left North Yemen, his destination after having been kicked out of Lebanon, and appeared in Tunis, where he has had his political headquarters since 1982.

The PLO leader, observers say, plans to call a meeting of his central committee in a bid to thrash out the wisdom of negotiating with King Hussein on the basis of the Reagan proposals.

Few analysts foresee any dramatic breakthroughs.

UNESCO shaken by U.S. decision to withdraw

PARIS —

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, accused of having been anti-Israel in the past, has been jolted by last week's decision by the U.S. to resign its membership within one year.

The U.S., citing anti-Western bias, efforts to restrict press freedom and wasteful management methods, gave UNESCO notice that it will pull out by next January if changes are not made. Washington contributes about 25% of UNESCO's budget.

A decade ago, UNESCO voted to exclude Israel from its European group and to withhold cultural aid on the grounds that the Jewish state had altered the historical features of the eastern sector of Jerusalem during excavations.

As a result of U.S. and Western pressure, Israel was reinstated. But, in a protest, Washington suspended its 1975-76 contribution to UNESCO.

As The CJN went to press, there was no official reaction from Israel on the latest developments.

More tough times

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be affected by budget cuts.

The National Religious Party said it will not accept the abolition of free high school education, introduced six years ago under the stewardship of Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, an NRP leader. [See also story on page 4].

Tami, which claims to speak for large, low-income families, mainly in the Sephardic community, also denounced cuts in education. It opposes a levy on national health care and has taken the government to task for alleged failure to distribute the tax burden more equitably.

Tami has proposed higher taxes for the more affluent sectors of the population.

The finance minister is expected to propose a series of budget cuts shortly. These would affect a major sewage scheme near Rishon LeZion; a major road-building project in Tel Aviv which is already under construction, plans for a new railroad line to carry phosphates from the Dead Sea to the port of Eilat; and the controversial Mediterranean-Dead Sea canal, a massive hydroelectric project.

Economic experts expressed doubts that Cohen-Ograd will be able to achieve his economic objectives, because of the growing unrest and turmoil in the economic sector of the country and because of internal difficulties in the Likud coalition.

Deputy Premier David Levy has already announced his opposition to a policy of "controlled unemployment" — a predictable consequence of the government's economic policy — and a tough attitude toward the demands of the workers.

Furthermore, tax collectors, mailmen, welfare workers and miners began strikes last week to protest against layoffs and rising costs brought on by the finance minister's economic austerity measures.

Zundel hearing date set

By TAMMY KAROL

TORONTO —

Ernst Zundel, a local printer who has been charged with disseminating material that the Holocaust never took place, will appear at a hearing here on Jan. 16, to set a date for his trial.

The charge was laid last month by Sabina Citron, founder of the Toronto-based Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association and a survivor of the Auschwitz concentration camp.

Zundel, a 44-year-old German citizen operates Samisdat Publishers on Carlton St. which distributes material worldwide claiming fewer Jews were killed in the Holocaust than is historically documented.

During an initial hearing at Toronto's Old City Hall last week Zundel was spat on by a number of Jewish Defence League members as he entered the provincial court building.

About two dozen demonstrators carrying placards chanted "prosecute Nazis now" and chased Zundel up the Old City Hall stairs.

In court, Zundel was wearing a bulletproof vest and was carrying a copy of Mein Kampf.

Awali bridges open

Israel reopened the bridges over Lebanon's Awali River this week after days of turmoil in the southern part of that country occupied by the Israeli army.

The Israeli authorities closed off all access to the south in the wake of mounting casualties inflicted on its army by unidentified raiders and in the aftermath of Moslem protest against Israel's presence in Lebanon.

In the waning days of 1983, Israeli patrols came under attack from guerrillas believed to belong to Lebanese Shiite and Palestinian groups encouraged by Syria. In the last week of the old year, several Israeli soldiers were killed and more than a dozen were wounded in a series of incidents which prompted Israel to put its paratroopers in charge of overall security.

Since Sept. 4, when Israel redeployed to new lines behind the Awali, about 40 Israelis have died in nearly 140 attacks mounted by hostile elements. Gen. Moshe Levy, Israel's chief of staff, believes attacks are likely to increase in 1984.

The protests were triggered by the deaths of three Lebanese, killed in a shoot-out with the Israeli army. The Lebanese reportedly attacked the troops and they fired back.

The demonstrations, which spread to Beirut from Sidon (which is under Israeli rule), worsened after Israel arrested the son of Sidon's Sunni religious leader.

Bloomfield to run

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Margulies, who became her adoptive father after she was orphaned at the age of 8, was a member of the Jewish Agency executive which Chaim Weizmann formed in 1929.

Bloomfield attributes the choice of her name, Neri, which means "my light," to Weizmann, a guest at her family's Bucharest home.

Bloomfield came to Montreal in 1941, after being educated in England, and soon after married Bernard Bloomfield, a third generation Canadian.

From the national vice-presidency of Junior Hadassah in the 1940s, she rose rapidly through the ranks of the senior organization, becoming the youngest president of the Montreal council in 1953. Since then, she has occupied every portfolio and officer position at the national level, up to the presidency.

Bloomfield was named a vice-president and national fund raising chairman of the CZF in 1976 and has been chairman of the board for six years. She is a deputy member of the actions committee of the World Organization through WIZO.

Her curriculum vitae also lists numerous involvements in other women's organizations, synagogue activities at Congregation Shaar Hashomayim and fund raising for Israel, particularly its universities.

Bloomfield will be co-chairman of the CZF national convention with Ben Prossin of Halifax.

Bloomfield claims it is her influence that made her husband a committed Zionist. Bernard has been chairman of the Histadrut campaign for 30 years and instrumental in many major fund raising projects for Israel, including Canada Park and chairs at each of the seven Israeli universities.

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Aesthetic things calm nerves

Creativity a safety valve for war-torn Israelis

TORONTO —

Israelis deal with the constant tension of war by being "overnormal," former Israeli Labor MK Zena Harman told a membership meeting of Pioneer Women Na'amat at Toronto's Beth Tzedec Synagogue recently.

"It's our safety valve. We have, in a way, become materialistic, even on the kibbutzim. People need far more aesthetic things around to calm their nerves — and these are healthy things if they are not taken to an extreme. They fuel the capacity to rise above the everyday fear of the future . . . to be constructive, to be creative."

Harman, wife of Hebrew University of Jerusalem chancellor Avraham Harman, said that families are strengthened by war and that women especially are called upon to rise to the challenges of dealing with military callups and comforting their children.

She expressed a hope for peace. "My own son," she said, "who was born in Jerusalem in 1944, has been through five wars. He now has three children. Are his children going to have to fight five wars? I hope to God not."

Although Harman said she is opposed to the current Israeli government and to some of the things it has done in Lebanon, "the fact is we were maltreated. When we said Fatah was putting its guns in hospitals, no one believed us. Today your Globe and Mail asked why no one is complaining that they are doing it in Tripoli . . . when they were so vociferous against Israel."

Citing Israel's 22 daily newspapers as an example, Harman said, "As long as there is verbal infighting, it's healthy. Let us agree to disagree, but on fundamental issues there is a goodly degree of consensus. We continue to be a democracy — and thank God for that."

Zena Harman

UJPO censures Likud

TORONTO —

In a strongly worded statement issued recently in Toronto, the national board of the United Jewish People's Order claims that "30,000 Israeli soldiers are bogged down in southern Lebanon without much prospect of being able to return home in the near future."

The UJPO, a left-wing Socialist organization, attacks Israel's Likud government for refusing "to learn from past world history which provides ample lessons showing that oppression of dispossessed people results in the kind of frustration and hopelessness that engenders suicidal tendencies."

The statement concludes by calling for Israel's immediate withdrawal from Lebanon, a halt to the building of new settlements on the West Bank, and for the granting of the right to establish a homeland on the West Bank and Gaza to the Palestinian people.

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Organizations and People

What's New

By
MIRIAM CHINSKY

RUTH MENDELSOHN CONCERT

Temple Sinai's annual Ruth Mendelsohn Memorial Concert is scheduled to follow the service on Friday, Jan. 13. Conductor **Victor Feldbrill** will lead an 18-piece professional orchestra, and violinist **Morry Kernerman** is soloist.

There will be a performance of **Ben Steinberg's** recently composed Suite for String Orchestra, commissioned by the Chamber Players of Toronto, as well as Introduction, Aria and Presto, by Benedetto Marcello, a 17th/18th century Venetian composer who was fascinated by the music of the synagogue, and Felix Mendelsohn's Concerto for violin, which will be performed by Morry Kernerman, who is assistant concertmaster with the Toronto Symphony.

Victor Feldbrill, who has led the Winnipeg Symphony, the Toronto Symphony, and the Canadian National Youth Orchestra, is presently a professor at Tokyo's University of the Arts and principal conductor of that city's Geidai Orchestra.

Everyone is invited for services and a wonderful Oneg Shabbat concert.

BRUNCH FOR ENGAGED COUPLES

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, 55 Yeomans Rd., extends an invitation to all engaged couples to come for brunch on Sunday, Jan. 15, 11 a.m. **Maureen Feder** of the Jewish Family & Child Service, who has expertise in the sensitive field of pre-marital and marital counseling, will be present. For more information call the synagogue office, 633-5500.

HAMILTON'S WOMEN'S ORT

Not A Love Story, a documentary on women's pornography, will be screened for a meeting of Hamilton Women's ORT, Tuesday, Jan. 10, at Westdale Library, 955 King St. W., Hamilton. A discussion follows.

BETH DAVID SISTERHOOD

At the next general meeting of Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood on Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 9 a.m. in the synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd., **Gilda Jubas** of the Jewish Family & Child Service, will speak on The Sandwich Generation. A continental breakfast will be served and guests are welcome.

Babysitting is available by reservation.

VOLUNTEER TO RECRUIT VOLUNTEERS

The Volunteer Centre in North York is looking for volunteers to work Monday or Tuesday evening as interviewers, assisting individuals to find suitable volunteer work in the community. Requirements include good interpersonal and communication skills, experience as a volunteer, and a willingness to commit one evening a week for a minimum of a year.

A training program begins in January for those volunteers selected. For more information please call 481-6194.

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Canadian Mental Health Association has an urgent need for adult volunteers to provide one-to-one support for people who have had treatment for emotional problems.

Individuals should be warm and accepting persons who can offer two or three hours a week either in the day, evening or weekend to assist these people, many of whom are without families or friends, and help reintegrate them into the community.

The volunteers will receive training in related skills, as well as ongoing supervision and appreciative support.

If interested, please call the Volunteer Centre (North York) at 481-6194.

JOIN HADASSAH-WIZO

Start the New Year off right. Join Jordana chapter of Hadassah-WIZO. Get involved in helping women and children in Israel. Hear interesting speakers and meet new people. Come to the membership meeting, Monday, Jan. 9 at 7.30 p.m.

For more information call **Sharon**, 783-2544.

MISS NORTH YORK CONTEST

Application forms for entry into the 1984 Miss North York contest are now available at North York City Hall. The competition is open to young women who are between the ages of 18 and 25, single, Canadian citizens or landed immigrants and live in North York.

Contestants will be judged on personality, poise, speaking and public appearance.

Preliminary judging takes place at North York City Hall on Jan. 23 and Jan. 24, at 7.30 p.m. Finalists will be invited to return for the crowning of the 1984 Miss North York and two runners-up on Friday, Feb. 10 at 7.30 p.m.

The winner will receive a cash prize and gift package arranged by the North York Business Association.

Applications can be picked up at the North York public information office, in the city hall, 5100 Yonge St. Deadline for entries is 4 p.m., Jan. 13.

The Miss North York pageant is just one of many indoor and outdoor activities planned in conjunction with the city Winter Carnival which takes place Feb. 10, 11 and 12.

HOLY BLOSSOM MUSICALE

Holy Blossom Temple offers its Shabbat Shira Musicale the Great Masters on Jewish themes, with guest artists, pianist **Lorraine Muter Humber**, oboist **Wendy Humber**, pianist **Dr. Mel Iscove** and violinist, **Eugene Kash.** Music to be presented is by composers **Paul Ben Haim, Ernest Bloch, Srul Glick, Michael Michelet, Ravel, Robert Starrer, Mario Tedesco** and **Kurt Weill.**

Participating in the service will be the Temple Singers and Holy Blossom Temple Choir, **Cantor Benjamin Z. Maissner** and organist **Douglas Bodle.**

For an evening of melody and inspiration, come to Holy Blossom Temple, Friday, Jan. 13, 8.30 p.m.

MISSISSAUGA-OAKVILLE B'NAI B'RITH

Mississauga-Oakville chapter, B'nai B'rith Women, will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 8 p.m. Please call for directions, and state if you need a ride. Bring a friend! For information, call the B'nai B'rith Women's office at 630-1313.

GIFT SHOP, AUXILIARY VOLUNTEERS

Do you enjoy meeting the public?

Northwestern Hospital at Keele/Lawrence needs volunteers two hours weekly, evening or weekends, to price, stock shelves or sell in its gift shop, Monday through Saturday, 6.30 - 8.30 p.m. (a few daytime positions available).

If your skills are secretarial, financial, fund raising or convening special events, the hospital auxiliary would also like to hear from you.

If interested, call the Volunteer Centre, North York, at 481-6194.

DANCING AT EARL BALES

Come out for an enjoyable evening of ballroom dancing organized by **Ada Goldblatt** at Earl Bales Senior Place Wednesday evenings, 7.30 - 9.30. The centre is on Bathurst St. just south of Sheppard Ave. Everyone is welcome.

REENA TRIP TO ISRAEL

Reena Foundation is sponsoring a 2-week trip to Israel in March at Purim, under the leadership of **Rabbi** and **Mrs. Joseph Kelman.** Anyone interested in participating in this experience is invited to attend a meeting on Jan. 10 at 8 p.m. in the Cartwright Centre, 99 Cartwright Ave. (opposite Yorkdale) to discuss details of the tour.

TO DISCUSS WOMEN RABBIS

Women Rabbis, Past, Present and Future, will be considered when guest speaker **Rabbi Elyse Goldstein** addresses the winter meeting of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism, Ontario Branch, at Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave., on Jan. 11.

The day begins at 9.30 a.m. and concludes 3 p.m. Cost of the day, including lunch, is $5; for the speaker only, at 1 p.m., the cost is $2. To reserve, phone 633-2436 or 636-7733.

Babysitting is available on request.

ALPHA OMEGA DINNER DANCE

An evening which includes dinner in the Imperial Room of the Royal York Hotel with entertainment by the fabulous **Lola Falana**, on Saturday, Feb. 4, is Alpha Omega Women's major fund raising project for 1984. Following the show, you can dance in the Upper Canada Room to **Michael Snider's** orchestra. Patrons' tickets are $125 per couple.

The proceeds will help fund the University of Tel Aviv Dental School plus other dental projects in Toronto and abroad.

To add to your enjoyment, the Royal York Hotel is offering a special rate for those wishing to stay overnight and attend the annual Alpha Omega Fraternity brunch on Sunday, Feb. 5, in the hotel. **Prof. Irving Abella**, co-author of the book, None Is Too Many, will speak.

All supporters of the program, whether attending the evening or not, will be listed in a commemorative program book, with cover designed by **Ian Leventhal.** In addition to a copy of the book, all patrons, sponsors and benefactors, will receive a tax deductible receipt.

To inquire further or make table reservations, call co-ordinators **Shirley Switzman** at 881-9944, or **Evette Serota** at 226-5453.

NATIONAL COUNCIL

An evening of Jewish Humor with **Allan Gould**, author and humorist, will be presented by Simcha branch, National Council of Jewish Women, on Saturday, Jan. 14 at 8.30 p.m. in Council House, 4700 Bathurst St. Admission for this event is $5, and tickets can be purchased at Council House or by calling 633-5100 (days) or 881-7567 (after 6 p.m.).

APAI TO MEET

APAI, The Association of Parents with Children in Israel, will meet at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd., on Sunday, Jan. 8 at 8 p.m. The theme, All in the Family, will introduce a lively discussion about the concerns of parents and their children in Israel, which will involve all those who want to participate.

TEEN PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL

An important meeting takes place on Thursday, Jan. 12 at 5 p.m. in the first floor lounge of Beth Tzedec Synagogue. At that get-together, **Jacob Israeli**, coordinator of the program, will answer your questions about exciting plans for the summer of 1984 in Israel.

Prospective participants (between the ages of 15 and 18), parents and friends, are invited to this get-acquainted session, sponsored by United Synagogue Youth.

Refreshments will be served.

RSVP by phoning 787-0381 by Jan. 5.

VOLUNTEERS TO AID HANDICAPPED

Centennial Nursery School, located in the Yonge/Lawrence area needs volunteers to work one-to-one with handicapped preschoolers in their morning nursery school program (especially Friday) or their Tuesday morning swim program. Ongoing training and suprevision will be provided for volunteers able to help three hours weekly.

For further information contact the North York Volunteer Centre, 481-6194.

LODZ GHETTO DATA WANTED

May 1, 1984, will mark the 44th anniversary of the enclosure of the Lodz Ghetto. The first to be sealed off and the last to be liquidated, Lodz Ghetto was the last one allowed to exist — four years.

The Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre-Jewish Public Library, which is dedicating its spring 1984 exhibit to the men, women and children of the Lodz Ghetto, is eager to include material from Jewish communities in Canada. Documents, photographs, artifacts, and personal testimonies relating to life in Lodz before the war and in the Lodz Ghetto, are being sought.

All those who wish to contribute to this exhibit please contact the Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre-Jewish Public Library at (514) 735-2386, or write to 5151 Cote St. Catherine Rd., Montreal, H3W 1M6.

Material used will be properly credited in the exhibit and publications.

HEBREW SPEAKING YOUTH CHUG

WZO-CZF, youth and hechalutz department and the department for development and services, in conjunction with the World Association for Hebrew Language and Culture, are pleased to announce the opening of a new Hebrew speaking youth chug for 16-25 year olds. Participate in conversation, study and discussion, and lectures (basic Hebrew essential). Meetings are every other Wednesday night beginning Jan. 11 at 8 at 1000 Finch Ave. W., suite 117. For additional information call **Stacey Greenman**, 665-7733.

The Sisterhood of Shomrai Shaboth Chevrah Mishnayoth Congregation, 583 Glengrove Ave. W., is featuring a special evening. **Dr. Colin Geft** will address the group on Common Childhood Problems, and **Fern Orzech** will demonstrate The Fine Art of Food Garnishing. This program takes place I.Y H, Im Yirtzeh Hashem, at 8 p.m. Refreshments. Members free, non-members, $5. Annual dues are $10. RSVP by Wednesday, Jan. 11 to **Susan**, 782-6938 (days) or **Shirley**, 789-1725, (evenings).

BETH SHOLOM FAMILY PROGRAMS

Circle the following family-oriented Beth Sholom Synagogue programs on your calendar: **Mothers Morning Out**, explores the pressures, joys and challenges of bringing up children in the 80s — one groups meets Wednesdays at 10 a.m., and a new group will start Friday, Jan. 20 at 10 a.m. Pre-registration is necessary, and baby sitting is provided. **Torah Tots Shabbat Morning** is now offered twice a month. While parents attend morning service, their pre-school children observe Shabbat on their own level. Next program is Jan. 14. **Early Shabbat** evening family service is geared to families with young children. The program includes a short early service, traditional Shabbat dinner, songs, dancing and much more. Reserve for the next date, Friday, Jan. 20. **Widow and widowers** group is for adults who have lost their life partner, have mourned, and are now ready to get on with their lives. Programs include movies, speakers, outings and discussions — Monday nights at 8. Next program is Monday, Jan. 9, when lawyer **Moishe Reiter** will discuss Family Law, Marriage Contracts and Wills . . . All programs are open to the community and are co-ordinated by **Debbie Cowitz**, family programming resource specialist. For information and registration, call the synagogue office, 783-6103.

singles

Beth Tikvah Chai Singles Group will hear **Jerry Gray** of The Travellers, the singing dentist, in a program of folk songs in the lower banquet hall, of the synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave., Sunday, Jan. 8 at 8 p.m.

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Rabbi Marvin Pritzker [left] of the Baron de Hirsch Congregation in Halifax, was honored on the 36th anniversary of his ordination from the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, an affiliate of Yeshiva University, at the recent 39th annual rabbinic alumni convention. He accepts the award from Dr. Israel Miller, senior vice-president of the university.

Organizations and People

What's New

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The Jewish Singles Travel Registry's calendar of events for the winter and spring of 1984, is ready. Anyone wishing a copy, call **Elaine Bloom** at 499-1584, or write to J.S.T.R., 17 Castlebury Cres., Willowdale, Ont. M2H 1W7.

Holy Blossom Single/Single Parents is scheduling its D & M meeting, Discussion and Mingle (topics to be announced) in the Temple foyer, 1950 Bathurst St., Thursday, Jan. 12 at 8 p.m. For additional information call **Elliott**, 638-3548. Holy Blossom Single/Single Parents Group bowls every Thursday, 9 p.m., at Bathurst St. Bowlerama, Glencairn and Bathurst. Coffee is served afterward. Call **Harold**, 635-0446, after 6 p.m. for more details.

The telephone line is open Tuesday and Thursday, 6-9 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., for information, referral and details of singles activities. Call 731-4600 or 731-4601.

The Men's Awareness Group, a support group for recently separated and divorced Jewish men under 55, will begin a series of six consecutive Tuesday evening sessions on Jan. 10. To inquire further, call 731-4600 or 731-4601.

The one-to-one program connects the recently separated, divorced, widowed or never married, for emotional support with a volunteer who has experienced a similar situation. Call 731-4600.

The Jewish Community Singles (25-35 years) invite you to join in for an afternoon of recreational ice skating on Sunday, Jan. 8 at 2 p.m. Meet at the JCC Northern Branch, 4588 Bathurst St. in the lobby. For more information please call **Ruth Goodman**, 636-1880, ext. 335, any Wednesday.

Dimensions Extravagant Singles Travel Group (20-35) is now in full motion. Monthly meetings are offered to consider ideas on future trips, also coffee houses, dances and other outings. The next trip will be discussed on Wednesday, Jan. 18 at 8 p.m. in the B'nai B'rith Building, 15 Hove St. (Bathurst and Sheppard area). To inquire further, call **Marshal** at 669-9388 or 669-9389 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or 222-1352.

North-East Jewish Single Parents will gather Sunday, Jan. 8 for family bowling, 2.30 p.m., at York Bowl on Wilson Ave. Members' children free, non-members, $1.20 per game.... Tuesday, Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31, from 8.30-10.30 p.m., play co-ed volleyball at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. Members, $1; non-members, $2. For more details call **Susan Levine**, 889-0813.

Total Living Singles (40 +) are having a January Thaw Dance, Saturday, Jan. 7 at 8 p.m. in Earl Bales Park Community Centre (Bathurst and Sheppard). Dance to the music of **Harvey Silver's** orchestra. Refreshments available — prizes. Admission is $4, members; $5, non-members.

Stan Glass Social and Travel Association for singles of all ages, has planned an open house presentation night 8.30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 9, Earl Bales Community Centre, in the park, at Bathurst and Sheppard. Come for a sneak preview of coming social and travel events. Admission is $3 for non-members, free for members. Membership is $10 for six months. Please note that this is the last chance to book for the Quebec Winter Carnival, departing Feb. 3 and 10. For information about the association, social events and trip reservations, contact **Stan Glass**, 638-0747.

for seniors

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Friendship Club invites you to attend its meeting at the shul, 100 Elder St., Sunday afternoon, Jan. 8 at 1.30. Cantor and accordionist **Albert Feldman**, will offer a musical program of Yiddish, English, Hebrew and Italian songs. Refreshments will be served. For more details please phone **Carl Pasternak**, 633-2997.

Adath Sholom Jubilee Club is planning a number of activities in the synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave. W. Fitness and dancercise classes under the direction of **Marilyn Tkatch**, are held Wednesday mornings at 10.30, continuing for 10 consecutive weeks beginning Jan. 4. No charge to participants. Folk and line dancing with instructor **Al Gladstone**, commences Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 10 a.m. and continues for 10 consecutive Tuesday mornings. Free to participants. A general meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 12 at 1.30 p.m. Following the business agenda, **Joseph Roth and Family** will lead the assembly in a musical and dance presentation of popular and Jewish melodies. Refreshments. Admission is $1 for Jubilee Club members; $1.50, non-members. The Jubilee choir meets on Wednesday mornings at 9.30. If you enjoy singing and would like to become a part of the group, phone **Dorothy Friedman**, 667-0599. For more information about any of these activities, contact the synagogue office, 635-0131.

The **Wagman Centre Self-help Widows Program** provides an opportunity for emotional support to the recently bereaved. Through one-to-one contact with another widow and/or twice monthly group meetings, you may share experiences and learn to adjust to a new lifestyle. Group coordinator **Helen Brown** will extend a warm welcome at the group meetings every second Sunday, noon to 1.30 p.m. in room A & B of the Wagman Centre. Next meeting is Sunday, Jan. 8. This supportive service is non-sectarian, free, and open to women 55-70 years, widowed less than two years. For more information phone 789-5131, local 410, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Club Chaverim of the North-East Jewish Community Centre, welcomes all senior adults in the community to its programs, held every Monday at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. Admission is 50 cents for members, 75 cents for non-members. Oil painting is from 10 a.m.-noon, 10 sessions with **Beryl Frow**, $10; Beginners Bridge with **Michael Silverman**, 10.30-11.30 a.m., is free. There is no charge for the Musical Variety Club with **Paul Mathew**, 11 a.m.-noon, English as a Second Language with **Lucy Tarant**, 11.30 a.m.-12.30 p.m., Fitness with Donna Grober, 12-12.30 p.m. Lunch, catered by **Stuart Razin**, is from 12.30-1.30 p.m. There is also a weekly program of lectures, films, music and games, between 1.30 and 3 p.m. Refreshments are available at 3 o'clock. The lunch program is a great success. A variety of cheeses, herring, egg and tuna salads, fresh fruit and vegetables are served — all you can eat for $1. If you prefer, bring your own dairy lunch and join everyone for coffee or tea. For more information on Club Chaverim, call **Rose Shapiro** or **Linda Friedman** at the North-East office, 889-0813.

Shaarei Tefillah Senior Club will not hold meetings during January and February.

Hamilton's **Shalom Village**, 70 Macklin St. N., has scheduled the following activities: Thursday, Jan. 12, 7.30 p.m., a film, The Great Gulf, which captures the unfamiliar areas of the St. Lawrence; checkups with **Brenda**, the public health nurse, Monday, Jan. 16, 1 p.m.; a fun evening with the Golden Horseshoe Band under the direction of **Syd Royle**, dancing, singsong, refreshments, Tuesday, Jan. 17, 7 p.m.; a continuation of the multicultural program with a wonderful evening of Philippine entertainment, film and food, Wednesday, Jan. 18 at 7.30 p.m.

Beth Tzedec Friendship Club + 50, invites you to hear **Dr. Barry Mark Tuvel**, podiatrist, explain Foot Care for Seniors, Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 1.15 p.m. Refreshments are served and everyone is welcome. Cost to non-members of the club is $1.50.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

On Sunday, Jan. 8 at 2 p.m., Safety Message, a special presentation by the Canadian Red Cross Society, will deal with safety measures and first aid technique in emergency situations. Come to the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. (just west of Bathurst St.) and learn how to handle some demanding situations.

Prof. Isaac Bar-Lewaw, department of language and literature, York University, will lecture at the centre on Great Jews Who Influenced History — From Abraham to Einstein, Wednesday, Jan. 11, 10 a.m.-noon.

PROFITABLE REUNION

Members of the South Y 1983 reunion committee, [left to right] Irv Lefler, Marm Goldstein, Hindy Friedman, Jeff Perlmuter, Alfie Adler and Estelle Daniels, present a $5,000 check to Irwin Soren, director of the Bloor branch of the Jewish Community Centre — proceeds from a reunion dance — to be used for renovations to the chapel and for a new sound system.

at the jcc

The PACE department of the Koffler Centre of the Arts is accepting registration for the following winter courses: Hebrew for Beginners, starting Jan. 9; Intermediate Hebrew, beginning Jan. 12; Children the Challenge, by Rudolf Dreikurs, commencing Jan. 9; Effective Communications, starting Jan. 10. Registration is at the Koffler registrar's office, 4588 Bathurst St. For information about any of these courses, call 636-1880, ext. 243 or 279.

Marci Segal will speak on Values Clarification at the Jan. 9 Topics Unlimited lecture organized by the PACE department, Koffler Centre of the Arts. Everyone is welcome to attend this lecture. Admission is $1. For more information phone 636-1880, ext. 233 or 243.

North-East Branch . . . The North-East Couples Over 40 Group will be having a Trivia Extravaganza, Sunday, Jan. 8 at 8 p.m., JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St. (north of Steeles). New couples are welcome. For additional information phone **Susan Levine**, 635-0131.

About People

Milton J. Lewis is the new chairman of the Hamilton Chapter of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University. Lewis, who has practiced law in Hamilton for 20 years, is a past president of Beth Jacob Synagogue, chairman of the board of the Hamilton Convention Centre and first vice-president of the Canadian Club of Hamilton.

Milton Lewis

He has been involved in politics at all levels of government and ran as Liberal candidate in Hamilton West in the 1974 federal election.

Lewis is married to **Dr. Terri L. Lewis**. The couple has two sons, **Steven** and **Jay**.

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A Hebrew University of Jerusalem professor has become the first Israeli elected president of the Association of Schools of Public Health of the European Region (ASPHER).

After assuming the presidency at the organization's annual convention in Lisbon, **Prof. Michael Davies**, director of the Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Public Health and Community Medicine, announced that next year's convention will be held in Jerusalem.

ASPHER, representing 30 schools and departments in Europe and Israel, deals with public health organizational and policy issues, as well as teaching and research related to the field.

The school of public health at Hebrew University this year has 59 students working toward their Master's degree. It also offers an international centre for 20 students from developing countries.

Among the 35 women from all sections of the United States and Canada who have been elected members of the board of directors of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods, is **Diana Goodman** of Holy Blossom Temple, Toronto.

NFTS is composed of 640 sisterhoods in Reform synagogues in Canada, the United States and 13 other countries around the world, with a total membership of more than 100,000.

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Richard Winkler is the newly appointed director of NCSY (National Conference of Synagogue Youth) Central Canada Region. At 20, he is the youngest NCSY regional director, but he brings considerable experience to the office. He has served as Torah Fund chairman.

Richard Winkler

During Winkler's four years with NCSY, three senior chapters have been started in Toronto, as well as a Junior NCSY.

Help for heart

By PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO —

Heart attack patients at the Bikur Cholim Hospital in Jerusalem will receive a promising new form of direct treatment, thanks to a fund established by two Torontonians.

The donation by Karol and Edith Altschuler in memory of Edith's mother, Berta Meerbaum, will enable Dr. Dan Tzivoni, the hospital's associate director of cardiology, to conduct research on streptokinase, a new anti-clothing agent, by administering it intravenously to patients in the early stages of an acute heart attack.

According to information from Dr. Tzivoni, who investigated the method on a visit to Dr. Sam Meerbaum, senior scientist at the cardiology research centre at the Cedar Sinai Hospital in Los Angeles, studies at Cedar Sinai have shown that patients who receive intravenous streptokinase early enough in an acute heart attack "have a better outcome."

Heart attacks are frequently caused by a blockage of a coronary artery by a blood clot. The blood supply to the heart is greatly reduced, and some of the cardiac muscles can die.

The consequences can include life-threatening irregularities of the heartbeat and a major reduction in blood circulation throughout the body.

If the clot can be dissolved early enough in the course of the heart attack, the damage may be greatly reduced.

"Since many of our patients arrive very early after the onset of their heart attack, they will be suitable for streptokinase therapy," Dr. Tzivoni said. He expects to be able to study between 20 and 40 patients in the first year.

He estimates the cost of each new treatment test at $500 per patient.

Further information on the fund can be obtained from the Canadian Friends of Bikur Cholim Hospital, 579 Old Orchard Grove, Toronto M5M 2H2, [416] 783-5773.

Joint studies

TORONTO —

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the United Synagogue of America have joined in a 1-year program of study in Israel for North American high school graduates who have demonstrated leadership abilities and a commitment to the principles of United Synagogue Youth (USY).

Known as "Nativ" (way or path), the program offers a semester of Jewish and Israel studies, taught in English, and a Hebrew language ulpan, both at the Rothberg School for Overseas Students at the university, along with field trips, seminars, group leadership training and volunteering.

The students then spend four months working and studying on a kibbutz before a final wrap-up seminar in Jerusalem.

Organizations and People

Hambleton set up Soviet ring in Israel

Author reveals complex side of Canadian spy

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Four years ago, late on a Sunday night as he lay in bed, Leo Heaps got a telephone call . . . a call which prompted him to write a book about a Canadian Soviet spy.

Heaps, the author of eight books, was called by the RCMP because he had known Hugh Hambleton, a KGB agent whom Britain recently imprisoned for 10 years.

At first, Heaps was skeptical. The Hugh Hambleton he knew seemed like the last person who would be attracted to espionage. "I told the RCMP, 'If Hambleton is the best the Russians can come up with, Canada has nothing to worry about.' "

After investigating Hambleton, a Laval University economic professor, Heaps came to the conclusion that he was indeed a spy, and an important one. In his new book, **Hugh Hambleton, Spy [Methuen]**, Heaps claims that information supplied by Hambleton over 30 years was of such a crucial nature that it was required reading in the kremlin.

Heaps estimates that Hambleton — a high school classmate in Ottawa — photographed 2,000 to 3,000 top-secret NATO documents and unmasked some of its agents, thereby compromising NATO's effectiveness.

More amazing still, Hambleton established a Soviet espionage ring in Israel at around the time when tens of thousands of Russian Jewish immigrants were pouring into the Jewish state.

How good it is — or was — only the Israeli government knows, Heaps said in an interview.

According to Heaps, Hambleton traveled to Israel quite frequently from the 1960s onward, ostensibly doing research on the Knights of Malta. In actual fact, the real reason for his trips to Israel was to set up a spy network for the Soviet Union.

Suspicious of his activities, the Mossad — Israel's intelligence service — questioned him once. "Israel suspected he was a Soviet agent," Heaps said. "The British MI5 was informed, but it took no action. Nor did MI5, as the Mossad assumed, transmit this intelligence to Canada.

Author Leo Heaps . . . realized Hambleton was an important spy.

"The Arabists in the British foreign office had muzzled all meaningful cooperation between the Mossad and MI5."

Hambleton, Heaps said, had told him he was "very sympathetic" to Israel. "He said he would never do anything to harm Israel. But that's exactly what he did by setting up a spy network."

A secretive, complex individual, Hambleton was the epitome of inoffensiveness to the outside world, Heaps said. "He was very unassuming, charming, generous, helpful. But his character was a study in deception. He masked the life he really lived."

Asked why the KGB recruited so mild a man as Hambleton, Heaps said: "They saw in him a person they could manipulate, someone who could one day rise to a position of influence."

Money was not a consideration in Hambleton's decision to work for the Soviets. "He was always tempted by power and the clandestine life."

Hambleton was very clever and careful, and Western intelligence services tripped him up only by accident, following a traffic violation committed in New York City by Rudolf Herrmann, a Soviet master spy.

Even then, Canadian authorities could not nail him. Although Hambleton admitted that he had passed information to the Soviet Union, he maintained that it was of an "open source" variety. It was left to the British to make the irrefutable case against him.

Heaps, who communicated by letter with Hambleton after his arrest by the British, said that Canada is "an amazingly fertile country" for Soviet infiltration. As he put it: "Neither the government nor the people have been aware of the depth of subversion by the KGB in Canada, nor have they been able to cope with it."

Canada, he explained, may not possess many great secrets. But it remains "the back door into the U.S., the KGB's most important adversary."

In Heaps' view, Canada has not taken "the business of espionage" too seriously because "we never take anything seriously."

In his mind, there is no question but that there are other "Hambletons" in Canada.

Despite his insights into espionage, Heaps, a youthful 60, does not claim to be an expert on the subject. All he was attempting to do in Hugh Hambleton, Spy was to write a portrait of a fascinating man.

Heaps, too, has led a fascinating life. The son of A. A. Heaps, the CCF MP who represented Winnipeg North in the House of Commons for 17 years, and who introduced the concept of unemployment insurance in Canada, Leo Heaps was the recipient of the Governor-General's literary award when he was just 23.

The book that won him the honor was Escape from Arnhem, which was based on his experiences as a paratrooper in the ill-fated British attack against German positions in Holland.

In 1947, Heaps opened Canada's first art gallery specializing in Canadian art. To this day, he dabbles in art, his townhouse being filled with oil paintings by some of Canada's better appreciated artists.

During the Arab-Israeli war in 1948, Heaps helped the fledgling Israeli air force obtain three aircraft. And he says he had a hand in arranging a truce between the Haganah and the Irgun in the wake of the historic Altalena incident off the coast of Tel Aviv. (The Haganah fired on the Altalena, a ship carrying Irgun arms.)

In the 1950s, Heaps lived in Montreal, alternatively prospering and drowning in the real estate cycle of boom and bust. He then settled in Britain with his Israeli wife and produced two plays and works of fiction and non-fiction. In a recent federal election, he ran unsuccessfully as an NDP candidate.

Within six months from now, two of his books will be published: a revised edition of Rebel in the House, an account of his father's career, and Miracle at Macau, which tells the story of a 10-year-old Vietnamese boy who survived a ship wreck. [The boy lives with Heaps' daughter in Vancouver.]

Next spring, a British publisher will put out DeMaggio's Last Auction, a novel set in the world of art. Heaps also is trying to interest a publishing house in The Red Stones, the manuscript of which disappeared soon after he wrote it and turned up almost 30 years later. It is about World War II.

Recently, he sold one of his novels, The Quebec Plot, to film producer Harry Saltzman, the maker of James Bond movies.

Heaps said he earns "a very substantial living" as an author, despite the fact that his name is more familiar to readers abroad.

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Organizations and People

Successful simchas guaranteed

Tepperman's service is the last word in parties

By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

Most people love to make parties and simchas but with today's busy lifestyles, many of us don't have the time to look after the planning, details and leg work required for special events.

Enter Kitty Tepperman, a vivacious, sandy-blonde super-organizer in her mid-30s who has come up with a solution — the Party Word. It's a new service to help party planners for an hour — or for as long as required — to express their creativity and to work out the details that add up to a successful party.

"Although I can help in many ways," she says, "it is the client's party and it must express his or her tastes."

Tepperman, the mother of two daughters, says her new career as a party coordinator began when she was ordering invitations for her daughter Marni's bat mitzvah a year ago at The Printed Word, specialists in personalized stationery (563 Eglinton Ave. W., 484-4600).

The owners of The Printed Word — Barbara Silverberg, Elinore Persiko and Nancy Roth Gold, who have a solid reputation for their stationery and invitations — agree that they sensed the skills Tepperman could offer their clients and offered her a job. Tepperman, wife of physician Dr. Paul Tepperman, decided to leave the teaching profession for a new career with The Printed Word, advising clients on their invitations.

It was while offering advice on the invitations that Belgium-born Tepperman, who came to Canada in the early 50s, found that many of her clients wanted advice also on the many facets of planning a party.

And so The Printed Word gave birth to The Party Word, spearheaded by Tepperman.

The service, says Tepperman, offers a range of assistance. A 1-hour consultation includes a discussion on novel ideas, themes, colors, needed resource people, equipment, decorations, favors, budget, etc.

For a nominal fee, from this initial meeting, the client gets a Personalized Party Planning Brochure which is totally individualized to that client's needs. It includes every detail for planning the event; then the client can decide how much follow-up is required and what The Party Word can do for her.

"Clients may decide to follow through on their own, but for the working person or for busy parents, I can eliminate the time-consuming leg work," Tepperman says.

"Although I don't attend the event," she adds, "I enjoy hearing from my clients about the success of the party — and they can take the credit for it!"

Tepperman has planned everything from a Parisian Sweet 16 to a fantasy world bar mitzvah party, a 50s sock hop and many elegant simchas. And, she adds, she can almost guarantee your party or simcha will be a success.

Kitty Tepperman spreads Party Word.

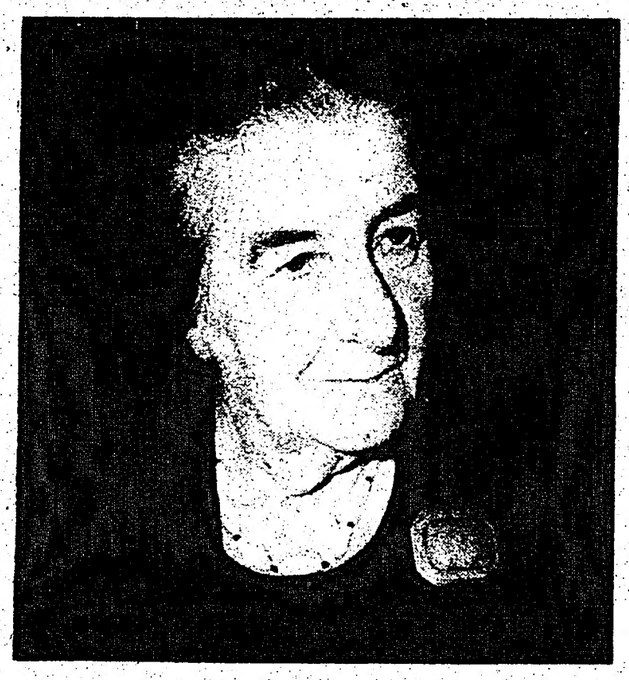
$10 million target set for Golda Meir Fund

TORONTO —

Charles Bronfman of Montreal has been named honorary chairman for Canada on the international committee to raise $10 million for the Golda Meir Fund at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Proceeds will be used to provide graduate and post-doctoral fellowships at the Hebrew University to outstanding students from around the world.

"These Golda Meir fellows will provide an academic reservoir to guarantee the continued existence of a high level of study and research at the university, and will become important links in the spiritual, cultural and scientific ties between the people of Israel, world Jewry and the world academic community," Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University said in announcing Bronfman's appointment.



Golda Meir

Sam Rothberg, honorary chairman of the university's board of governors, is chairman of the fund's international committee and Henry Kissinger is honorary chairman.

The worldwide campaign has so far secured over $3 million in pledges. The Israeli Friends of the Hebrew University have undertaken to raise $2 million for the fund.

Other honorary chairmen on the committee are Baron Edmund de Rothschild for Europe, Dr. Arthur Goldberg for the U.S. and actor Gregory Peck for the U.S. West Coast.

Wrong number

An article on SHARING, a shared accommodation for older people, which appeared in The CJN on Dec. 22 carried an incorrect telephone number. People who wish to contact SHARING should call [416] 591-1657.

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Dr. Daniel J. Lasker
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Six Sessions / January 9-February 13 / 8:00 p.m.

GREAT MOMENTS IN JEWISH MUSIC – PART II **Cantor Harold Klein**
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TALMUD TRACTATE BRACHOT
Rabbi Henry Hoschander
This advanced level course is a continuation of last semester's *shiur* with the Rabbi.
Continuing / January 9 / 8:00 p.m.

THE JEWISH LIFE CYCLE
Rabbi Henry Hoschander
A study of the milestones of Jewish life—birth, bar/bat mitzvah, marriage, death—and how Jewish law and custom govern these events.
Six Sessions / January 9-February 13 / 9:00 p.m.

THE TRIALS OF ABRAHAM:
***Genesis* 11:26-24:9** **Dr. Judith Siegel**
A detailed review of the biblical text dealing with the major events in the life of Abraham. Such incidents as Abraham's departure from Ur for Israel, Sodom, the Brit Milah, the Binding of Isaac, will be discussed.
Six Sessions / January 9-February 13 / 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday Evening

SELECTED PROBLEMS IN JEWISH ETHICS **Rabbi Howard Sacknowitz**
A careful analysis of such ethical issues facing the modern Jew as the quality of life and death; the law of the land and Jewish ethics; civil disobedience; Medical, business, and legal ethics.
Six Sessions / January 11-February 15 / 8:00 p.m.

THE BOOK OF NUMBERS
Rabbi Elliott Diamond
Selected passages from *Sefer Bamidbar* with detailed analysis of the narrative sections. Midrashim, medieval and modern commentaries will be discussed.
Six Sessions / January 11-February 15 / 9:00 p.m.

TALMUD TRACTATE *ROSH HA'SHANAH*
Rabbi Howard Sacknovitz
A continuation of last semester's *shiur* dealing with the laws of Rosh Ha'Shanah.
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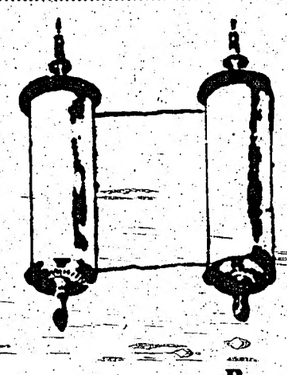

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Bo

If a Jew uses his head and his heart, he can reach the greatest heights of Kedusha.

On Pesach night, Reb Levi Yitzchak of Berditchev asked one of his Chassidim to open the door for Elijah the Prophet. The chassid ran excitedly, thinking that it was a sign that his rabbi was going to honor him with seeing the real Elijah — gilui Eliyahu.

Reb Levi noticed this and called: "Fool! Elijah does not appear to a person through a door, but through the head . . ."

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The Jewish people is one body, old and young together. When Pharaoh at first wanted only the adults to leave Egypt, Moses demurred — "be'naureinu u'vizikneinu nelech! We will go with our youngsters and with our elders! . . ."

Comments the Otzar Chaim — "A group that has only oldsters and no children is like a moshav zkainim, an old age home. Meanwhile, where there are only children, then it's like a batei yesomim . . . an orphanage, where there are no parents . . .

"Happy are the children where the wisdom of the elderly are a light to their feet; happy are the old who are warmed by the enthusiasm of youth . . ."

There should not be one lonely Jew in Toronto. There are so many thousands of people, old and young, who could learn from each other, help each other, inspire, accompany, teach.

We must be one holy nation.

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In Egypt, the Israelites were told to borrow from their Egyptian neighbors "vessels of silver and vessels of gold . . ." in preparation for the exodus.

Why borrow just then? Explains Reb Moshe of Leluv, humorously: "The Al-mighty wanted to be sure that the Jews don't change their minds after the exodus and return to Egypt. So He commanded them to borrow vessels, so they wouldn't want to return because of their debt . . ."

But why borrow especially from a friend? Maybe the friend wouldn't have silver and gold vessels?

Says Reb Shalom of Belz: "It is like when we see a poor scholar visit a city to collect some money. Who does he go to see first? The local rabbi — although the rabbi may be as poor as he is. But at least he knows that the rabbi wants to give . . . the heart is there, and once the heart is there, then eventually it opens the gates of prosperity."

The worst heart attack is when a Jew hardens his heart, does not feel for others, does not share.

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A poor man came to Reb David'l of Tolno and said: "Rebbe, I have but one shaaloh — what shall I eat?"

Reb David'l saw his pale, shrunken face and immediately took out a coin and gave it to him.

The next day the poor man returned: "Rebbe, the answer you gave me yesterday has disappeared — but the question has returned . . ."

Shabbat Shalom.

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Those who wish to order Rabbi Gottesman's recently published Sparks from the Torah, a compilation of his columns, can do so by sending $8.95 to Rabbi Meir Gottesman, 3173A Bathurst St. Toronto M6A 2B1.

Soviet immigrant keeps promise to take family from rags to riches

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — One day last November, Alec Bukhman celebrated the sixth anniversary of his arrival in Hamilton by moving into the former home of a millionaire.

Exactly six years ago Alec, his wife Lyuda, 11-year old daughter Yana and 6-year-old son Lev, sat in the grimy Hamilton bus terminal, surrounded by a few suitcases and $600 to their name — immigrants from the Soviet Union.

Arriving unannounced — there had been no one to meet them and as they looked out at the gray November scene, the teeming rain, the shabby buildings and parking lots — Lyuda and the children began to cry.

"Don't worry," Alec said to cheer them. "Two years from now," he promised half in jest, "we shall be living in our own house."

He kept his promise.

Last summer, from the window of his new office on the 38th floor of the Century 21 building, just a few blocks from the bus terminal, he would scan the day for a glimpse of a green scarf tied to the mast of his new sailboat — another promise he had made to his children for their fifth anniversary in Canada.

Today, he is a partner in a life insurance business. He drives an expensive European car, his home in West Hamilton has a pool and he has luxuries he had not even dreamed of in the Soviet Union.

He is a member of the board of Adas Israel Congregation, and his wife belongs to several Jewish women's organizations. Yana is a grade 10 student at Ulpanot Orot Girls School in Toronto and Lev will celebrate his bar mitzvah in the spring.

Alec Bukhman

For a Soviet immigrant who for the first few years could not rid himself of the "inner fear" he had lived with in Russia and who had no conception of what life would be like in a Western society, his success is nothing short of remarkable.

Born in Kiev in 1937 to a loyal member of the Communist Party, Bukham was brought up by his grandparents after his father was killed in the war in 1941 and his mother remarried. His grandfather was "a little Jewish tailor," who clung to tradition behind closed doors and brought his grandson up "with an understanding of responsibility."

He studied architecture and civil engineering, finishing with a Masters degree. From his first job as foreman on a construction site, he rose to be in charge of financing and coordinating projects for an industrial construction company employing 6,000 people.

"I knew how to spend money but not how to make it," recalled Bukhman in an interview.

He was determined to learn. But first came the language, and realizing that he wasn't learning fast enough, sought permission from Mohawk College to use the language lab during recess and lunch hours. He taped word lists in the bathroom at home to memorize while shaving, and took an additional evening course at the other end of town.

He learned to sell vacuum cleaners — and became salesman of the week. When he switched to selling burial plots, with a memorized 21-page sales pitch and "10 pages of overcoming objections," he was "four times named top national salesman of the week" within six months, and he has the plaques to prove it.

Bukhman changed to life insurance, and working 16 hours a day, seven days a week, and taking every course that might even remotely be of benefit, worked himself up to become a member of the Million Dollar Round Table — "that means," he explains proudly, "I am in the top 1%, the highest honor in the industry."

Last spring he was invited to address the international educational conference in London, England, of the Commercial Life Company.

"I couldn't believe it was me," says Bukhman as he concedes "I had to sacrifice a lot to get where I am."

Hard work . . . ambition . . . but most of all, it was his determination to become a Canadian and to do that, he had to learn even "to think like one. Today, when I meet my Russian friends, I realize how Canadian I have become."

He acknowledges the help he has received — though not financial, he is quick to point out, but the counseling, understanding and moral support — from Rabbi Morton Green of Adas Israel, Jewish Social Services director Carol Krames and others, and he is grateful to the Hamilton Jewish community. His dream, he says, is to show his gratitude by establishing a scholarship for immigrants from the Soviet Union.

He is proud of what he has achieved — but his work habits, he admits, "are nothing to brag about" and there is one thing that nags: "How to spend more time with my children."

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Snow, bitter cold doesn't stop crowd

Modzitzer Rebbe marks Shabbes with followers

By LEAH BELFON

TORONTO —

They walked from Harbord and Spadina. They walked from north of Steeles. The night was snowy and bitterly cold, but still they walked.

It was Friday night, and the Modzitzer Rebbe, Rabbi Shmuel Eliyahu Taub, shlita, was in town. Those who walked so far wouldn't have missed him for the world.

Israel is the rebbe's home, and he had not set foot in North America for more than 35 years. Yet he was no stranger to the crowd that gathered at the Agudat Israel Congregation.

Rabbi Taub is the leader of the Modzitzer chassidim, founded by his grandfather in Poland late in the 19th century.

"Modzitzer chassidus is famous all over the world," said Shlome Goldreich, who, together with Yisroel Zlotnick and Marvin Rosenfield, was on the planning committee for the rebbe's visit.

He described the events of the visit in an interview with The CJN.

Shabbes was celebrated in the age-old way, and hundreds joined the rebbe at his "tisch" [table], Goldreich recounted. He gave a learned discourse, then blessed the food and shared it with everyone.

"The first Modzitzer Rebbe, Reb Yisroel, taught that the power of the niggun [sacred song] could elevate the soul and bring a person closer to the Almighty. Therefore the tradition of Modzitz is a very musical one."

The present rebbe's father, Reb Shaul, ZL, composed over a thousand niggunim. Reb Shmuel has already written more than 500, according to Goldreich.

The Shabbes and the melave malka Saturday night were filled with song and chassidic fervor. The renowned baal tefillah, Ben Zion Shenker, a follower of the rebbe, flew in from New York to be with him. Whenever he stood up to sing, a hush fell over the hall, said Goldreich.

"Throughout the weekend you could feel the electricity in the air as melody after melody poured out from the rebbe's chassidim who had accompanied him from Israel and New York."

At the melave malka, Rabbi Moshe Mordecai Lowy, spiritual leader of the Agudah, spoke in glowing terms of the honor conferred upon him by the rebbe's visit.

The celebration went on late into the night. "No one wanted to leave," said Heshy Nussbaum, a longtime Agudah member. "The feeling there was very special."

Rabbi and Mrs. Shmuel Lemel live right next door to the Agudah. When they heard the rebbe was coming, they asked whether they might have him as their guest. The rebbe spent Friday, Shabbes and Saturday night with the Lemels, and then moved to the Lawrence-Bathurst area, where he was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Bleeman for the remainder of his stay. The Bleemans held an open house in the rebbe's honor on Sunday.

"A constant stream of visitors came to ask the Rebbe's brocha at both the Lemels and the Bleemans," said Goldreich. "Our thanks goes out to them, to all who hosted guests from abroad and to everyone who worked so hard to make the Shabbes the success it was."

"I will never forget it," said Nussbaum. "The people just kept on coming. And the rebbe kept right on seeing them. He would not rest until he had spoken with each person."

Goldreich continued: "People came because they wanted to be in the presence of a great tzaddik of our time. The rebbe is a member of the Moetzes Gedolei Hatorah (Council of Torah Sages). It's not every day a man of this stature comes to Toronto."

Rabbi Shmuel Eliyahu Taub, the Modzitzer Rebbe, makes hamotzi and distributes the bread at a melave malka celebration in his honor at Agudat Israel Synagogue. Seated on either side of him are his son, Rov Don, [left] and Israel David. [Graphic Artists photo]

CZF sponsors Hebrew groups

TORONTO —

There's nothing like a good conversation to sharpen you wits — and your Hebrew, if the conversation takes place at one of discussion groups being inaugurated by Keren Hatarbut, the educational and cultural arm of the Canadian Zionist Federation.

The groups, which will be led by a staff member of Keren Hatarbut entirely in Hebrew, are part of a plan announced recently by Melech M. Halberstadt, chairman of Keren Hatarbut, to diversify activities in the coming year.

A particular objective, says Halberstadt, is to reach the smaller communities in Ontario as well as Toronto. The groups, together with conventional courses in Hebrew, will be available in various centres in the province.

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16,000 pictures of life before Holocaust

Photographer captured time of gathering shadows

By
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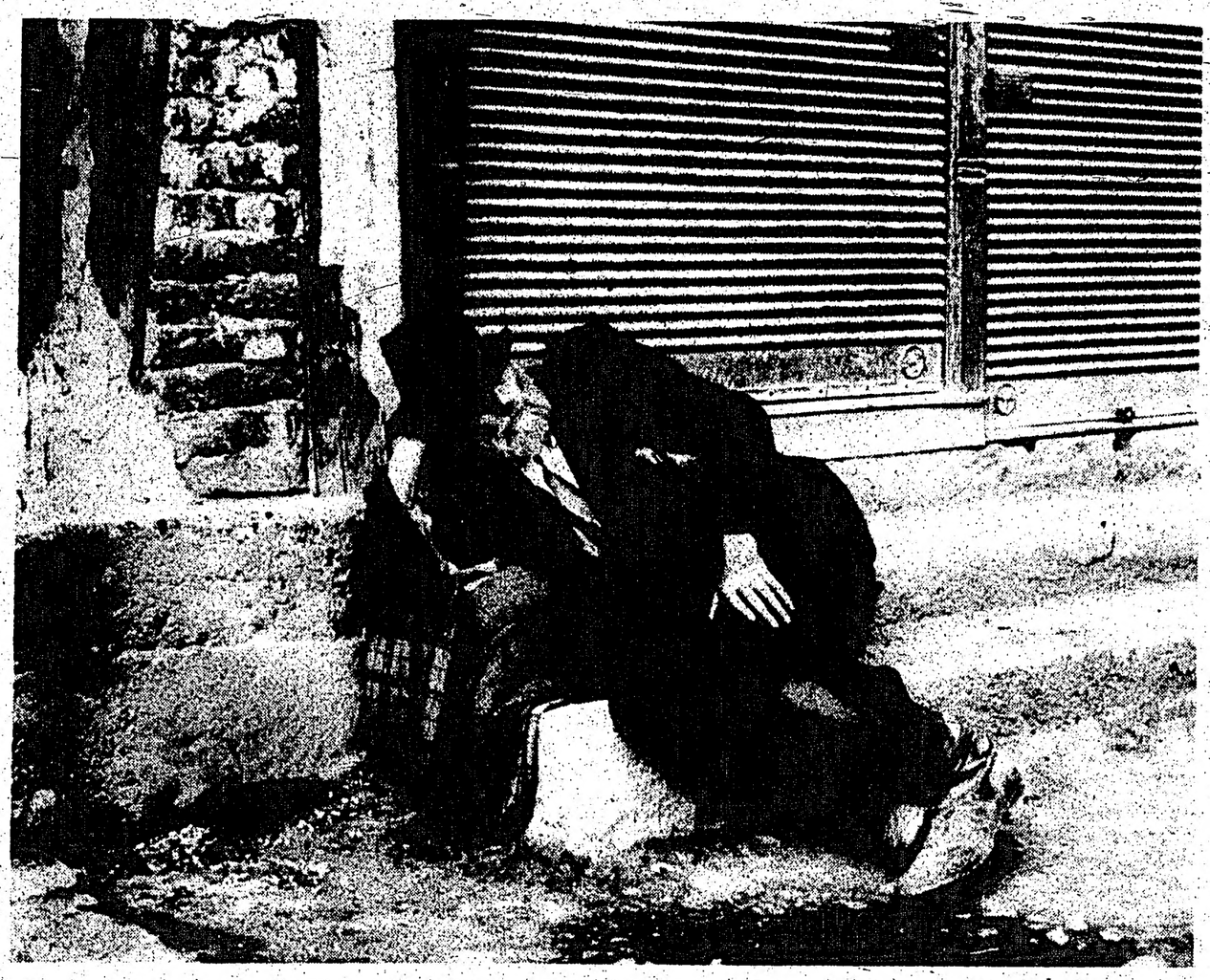


Vishniac's poignant photo of shopkeeper lying on steps.

TORONTO — When Roman Vishniac first read Hitler's Mein Kampf in the 1920s, he had no illusions about Hitler's plan for the Jews. Unlike his contemporaries, he realized that Hitler's "solution to the Jewish problem meant murder" and the promise to "extinguish the memory of the (Jewish) culture" was real.

In a recent interview in Toronto, the 85-year-old Vishniac recalled that time of gathering shadows.

In 1930, three years before Hitler took power, Vishniac left his home in Berlin on a solitary undertaking to compile a photographic history of the Jews in Europe. Using a Latvian passport he made himself, he traveled to Jewish shtetls and communities in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Romania, Germany and France.

Over the course of the next 10 years, he took 16,000 pictures of everyday Jewish life before the Holocaust, in the hope of preserving the memory of that doomed civilization.

Part of that remarkable photographic testament is now available in A Vanished World [Collins, $60]. Containing 180 of the 2,000 photographs that survived the war, A Vanished World presents an insider's look at the world of Jewish pedlars and shopkeepers, rabbis and yeshiva bochers.

Vishniac's stark photos capture the grim realities Jews faced in the day-to-day struggle to survive and make a living. One poignant photo shows a shopkeeper lying on the steps in front of his store, shut down by the Polish authorities in an anti-Jewish boycott, a forlorn expression on his face.

Another shows an elderly Jew at prayer, tefillin on his forehead and a tallis draped over his head, his eyes closed in solitary meditation.

Vishniac managed to get such vivid, unaffected pictures by blending himself into the background. "I spoke Yiddish like them, I was dressed as they were dressed," Vishniac explained. "I sought them out so we could discuss matters. When I entered any house or apartment, I was never asked 'what do you want?', just 'where are you from?' "

To remain unobtrusive, Vishniac hid his camera inside his coat with the lens peeking out through an enlarged buttonhole. "They didn't know I was taking the picture," he said.

In 1940, Vishniac escaped the Nazis, staying just "a little ahead of Hitler."

Traveling through southern France to Spain and then to Portugal, he managed to obtain a visa to the United States in Lisbon, and arrived in New York in 1941.

Vishniac managed to smuggle out several hundred negatives by sewing them into the lining of his suit. He left the rest with his father, who spent the war in the city of Clermont-Ferrand in central France.

"My father sat for five years on a chair behind a curtain," Vishniac said, "and I paid for his life. The money was sent from New York to the woman who knew that when my father would be killed, I'd stop the payment. He kept the negatives under the floor."

After the war, Vishniac returned to Europe to find over 100 of his relatives and friends had been killed. He was reunited with his father and recovered 2,000 of the negatives. But on returning to the United States he found he couldn't get them published.

"When I arrived," he said, "it was the strongest period of assimilation . . . The Jewish community wanted to hide the pictures from the Gentiles, thinking it was dangerous for the Jews if their ancestors looked like beggars with dirty clothing. Then they couldn't be considered equal to the Americans."

Over the years Vishniac established himself as a photographer and managed to combine his photographic talent with his previous training in biology and medicine — he had obtained a medical degree in Moscow before coming to Berlin.

Vishniac pioneered new techniques in time-lapse photography and pursued his interest in photomicroscopy — taking pictures through a microscope.

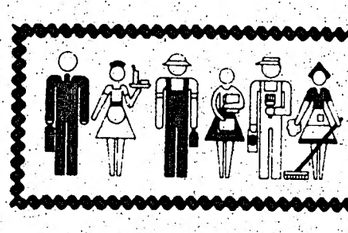
But his photos of the destroyed Jewish world attracted little interest. The major magazines in the United States were interested either in "atrocity pictures" or in pictures of Jews "dressed for holidays, with Chanukah lights," Vishniac said.

Vishniac's first exhibit was poorly attended. "Not one Jew came . . . no one wanted to see the exhibit."

Over the years the Jewish attitude to the pre-Holocaust period evolved. "There has been a very big change," Vishniac said. "The new Jewish generation in Europe and America is discovering the past."

Now Vishniac sometimes receives telephone calls from people praising his book. One caller told him "I didn't know I was a Jew until your book."

Vishniac said the time he spent in 11 prisons and a concentration camp under trumped up charges of being a "Jewish spy" was not wasted. He achieved his goal of preserving a photographic record of Jewish culture and civilization.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TORONTO —

Rabbi Moses D. Tendler, renowned rabbinic scholar and bacteriologist, will be the featured speaker at a community forum on Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 8.15 p.m. in the Conference Centre of the Lipa Green Jewish Community Services Building, 4600 Bathurst St., to which the public is invited.

Theme of Dr. Tendler's lecture will be "Exploring theScientific and Medical Bases of Halachic Decisions."

The program is co-sponsored by Yeshiva University's department of community services, the Board of Jewish Education, and the Canadian Jewish Congress' department of chaplaincy services.

Rabbi Herschel Schacter

Tendler, who serves simultaneously as professor of Talmud at Yeshiva University's Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, and as professor of biology at its college of Arts and Sciences, will also speak on Tuesday afternoon at a regional rabbinic seminar, organized for rabbis serving communities in Ontario and in cities in New York and Michigan states.

Coordinator of the seminar and forum is Rabbi Herschel Schacter, currently serving as Yeshiva University's director of rabbinic services.

Serving as chairman of the forum will be Rabbi Irwin E. Witty, executive director, Board of Jewish Education. Rabbi Baruch Taub, Beth Avraham Yaakov Congregation, will deliver greetings on behalf of the Rabbinical Council of Canada.

Participants in a rabbinic conclave on Jan. 10 and 11 will be rabbis and educators from the Toronto area, as well as participants from London, Ottawa, Hamilton;

Dr. Moses Tendler

Rochester and Binghampton, New York; and Detroit.

A symposium at the conclave on "The Jewish Family in Crisis: How Are the Synagogue and School Meeting the Challenges" will include presentations by Rabbis Eliot Feldman and Howard Sacknovitz, Toronto; Rabbi Yechezkel Zweig, London; and Rabbi Elimelech Goldberg, Southfield, Mich.

A workshop on "Guiding the Perplexed: Creative Programs" will feature the participation of Rabbi Eliezer Finkelman, Wayne State University Hillel Foundation, Detroit; Rabbi Shaya Kalimnick, Rochester; Rabbi Dr. Basil Hering, Ottawa; Rabbi Pinchas Brumer, Associated Hebrew Schools, Toronto; and Rabbi Raphael Groner, Binghampton, NY.

Other participants include Rabbi Menachem Gopin, national executive director, Mizrachi Organization of Canada; Rabbi Yosef Avior, rosh yeshiva, Or Chaim Yeshiva; Rabbi Morton Green, Hamilton; Rabbi Henry Hoschander, Shaarei Shomayim Congregation; Rabbi Sheldon Steinberg, CJC director of chaplaincy services; and Rabbi Moshe Burak, Beth Jacob Congregation.

Also: Rabbi Moshe Stern, Shaarei Tefillah Congregation; Rabbi Mordechai Ochs, Toras Emes Centre; and Rabbi James Gordon, Southfield, Mich.

Dr. Tendler combines successful careers as a rabbi, teacher, and cancer researcher. He is the discoverer of a new chemical, Anthramycin, which is being evaluated for the treatment of advanced inoperable cancer. He has written more than 70 articles on science and religion, and is the author of Pardes Rimonim, a text on Jewish family life. He is the editor of Medical Ethics and Practical Medical Halacha.

Prestigious prize goes unnoticed

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

A Hamilton-born professor at New York University's Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences last year shared in an international prize as prestigious as the Nobel, but, unfortunately, went largely unnoticed.

The Crafoord Prize, administered by the Swedish Royal Academy, was awarded for the first time in 1982 to Louis Nirenberg, and Prof. Vladmir Igorevich Arnold of Moscow University.

Nirenberg is a first cousin to Etty and Harry Perrell, Hamilton travel agents.

Although mathematics underlies the various sciences for which the Nobel Prize is awarded, the reason that there never has been a mathematics prize, according to Perrell, is the little known fact that "Nobel's wife ran away with a mathematician."

The new prizes are named for Holger Crafoord, a Swedish industrialist who died in 1982 and in his bequest established the awards "to be given annually, in rotation, to honor achievements in several categories of science that have not been covered specifically by the Nobel prizes." The mathematics prize will be followed by awards in geological science, biological science and arthritis research, "if there is a significant advance in this field."

Louis Nirenberg holds cousin's grandchild.

The Perrells take great pride in their cousin Louis, with whom they still maintain a close relationship and who visits them at their Greensville, Ont. farm house at least once a year.

He was born in Hamilton in 1925, the son of Hebrew teacher Sousa Nirenberg — "my uncle Susie" as Etty called him. The Nirenbergs moved to Montreal while Louis was still quite young.

After graduating from McGill University, Nirenberg went to New York, where he received his Master's and Doctoral degrees from New York University. An American citizen since 1954, he has been a professor at the Courant Institute since 1957.

Professor Nirenberg and Arnold received gold medals and about $530,000 each for their research contributions to the theory of non-linear differential equations, a sophisticated area of higher mathematics.

Series repeated

TORONTO —

CBC Stereo will repeat Art and the Holocaust Jan. 9 through 13 from 9.05 a.m. to 10 a.m.

The 5-part radio enquiry into the handling of the Holocaust in fiction and visual arts received a special award from the League of Human Rights and B'nai B'rith of Canada when it was aired last June.

Former Ontario NDP leader Stephen Lewis interviews 10 prominent writers, filmmakers and sculptors, beginning with Yaffa Eliach, author of Hassidic Tales of the Holocaust and Aharon Appelfield, author of Age of Wonders, Badenheim 1939 and Tzili.

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The group was started two years ago by 12 members of the Wagman Centre who wanted a weekly weight reduction and nutrition program specifically for their age group.

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For further information, contact Charlotte Wesley, 638-4413 or Linda Kremer, supervisor, physical fitness and health maintenance department, Wagman Centre, Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, at 789-5131, extension 413. There is a free introductory lecture, How to Eat More and Weigh Less on Tuesday, Jan. 10, at 7.30 p.m. at the centre.

Voting may be easier

TORONTO —

Proposed changes in Ontario's Election Act, if they are adopted by the Legislature, will make it easier for residents to vote.

Government house leader Thomas Wells, in introducing the bill, said all polls in the province will open and close the same time; more advanced polls will be held and polls will be located in premises which are covenient for the aged and handicapped.

There will also be three significant changes in the nomination process, Wells said.

These are: a reduction from 100 to 25 in the number of signatures required for nomination; the requirement, for the first time, of a $200 deposit; and the requirement of a statement of having filed — or an undertaking to file — for registration with the Commission on Election Contributions and expenses from each candidate.

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Love of research makes Speisman super sleuth

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO — Their first big date together 15 years ago was an eerie affair.

Stephen Speisman asked her to accompany him on a research expedition to check out Jewish names on gravestones at the Roselawn Ave. Cemetery.

"At first, I thought he was testing me as a possible marriage partner," recalls Leila Speisman, who in fact became his wife and mother of their three children.

"But I came to realize that Stephen had granted me another kind of privilege. He wanted me to join him in his grand passion of sleuthing down Jewish history."

Indeed, her husband's love affair with research has since continued unabated and today he is without question Toronto's leading Jewish history "balash" — Hebrew for detective.

Archivist Stephen Speisman examines two Toronto synagogue ornaments from the 1920s — a polished wooden lion from the holy ark at Shaw St. Synagogue and a Star of David from rooftop of Palmerston Ave. Synagogue. [Ronny Shinder photo]

That pioneer search through the gravestones at Roselawn ultimately resulted in his PhD treatise and definitive popular history published in 1979 by McClelland & Stewart, The Jews Of Toronto (380 pages, including illustrations; $22.95).

It was also the beginning of his career as director of the archives of Toronto Jewish Congress as well as the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region.

The archives were launched in 1973 in a basement room of Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Waitresses serving at synagogue social affairs used it as a uniform changing room at night; Speisman, hired as part-time archivist while studying history at University of Toronto, used it by day to collect documents for two solitary steel file cabinets.

Speisman wryly recalled those humble beginnings last week in his splendid new, dust-free, humidity-controlled, fireproof archival quarters in the Lipa Green Building at 4600 Bathurst St.

He and his assistant archivist, Brooky Robins, were busily preparing for the official opening of the 5-room archives — a huge vault, a reading room, two offices, and a lab for processing and storing documents — scheduled for March 4.

They are still unpacking and collating the historical treasures they brought with them since their move last September from their old archival headquarters on Beverley St. These consist of more than 6,000 photographs and well over 50,000 documents contained in 25 steel cabinets and 1,000 boxes.

As if he were not busy enough, Speisman last week was also preparing to assume his duties as director of the Oskar Asher Schmidt Museum — an assembly of rare silver, art and textile Judaica — scheduled to open in the Lipa Green Building sometime in 1984.

Whether they're artistic artifacts or yellowing parchments, Speisman has a ratpack mania about collecting old things — as long as they have a relevance to the social history of Ontario Jews.

"I guess I've been a dedicated history detective since grade 13 at Mackenzie Collegiate," says Speisman, a short, scholarly 40-year-old, with a salt-and-pepper beard, who always wears a yarmulke and constantly carries the keys to the archival vault chained to his belt.

He gives credit to his teacher, June Leslie, who made Canadian history come alive for him. "She knew more than what was contained in the text books," he says. "She gave us supplementary reading to do. We learned which politicians were drunk, how people actually lived in their day-to-day life. She showed us how history can be exciting."

That same enthusiasm is carried over into his eternal search for rare Jewish memorabilia for the archives which have been languishing unrecognized in attics and cellars throughout Ontario. To help him on the paper chase he now has a province-wide committee of about 80 volunteers and he has many tales to tell about their joint tracking down of treasures.

Here are just a few recent successful hunts:

• How Toronto lawyer David Rubin salvaged from the roadside just before they were picked up by a garbage truck the papers of the noted attorney, Edward Gelber, who was active in the Jewish community.

• How Sol Edell, chairman of the archives committee, got wind of the existence of all the records of the Folks Farein, the Cecil St. organization which for decades had provided a hostel for Jewish immigrants.

• How Toronto Dr. Minnie Cohen provided the records of all the circumcisions and weddings where Cantor-Mohel Bernard Wladowsky had officiated before World War II.

• How a tip from Toronto photographer Ben Lechtman unearthed the priceless collection of thousands of photos of Jewish social affairs taken in the 1960s by the late Avenue Rd. photographer Leo Hausman.

Speisman is primarily concerned with collecting documents that chronicle the growth of Ontario Jewish communities — the minutes, correspondence and financial statements of organizations. And he's prepared to reward those who donate large and important collections. A committee of professional appraisers has the power to grant certificates providing tax deductions.

If you are one of those who insist on retaining private papers as family heirlooms, he urges you to at least allow him to make photographs or microfilms of the documents for the archives. His clinching argument is that the papers in your possession may well crumble with age and the archives are far better equipped to preserve them for posterity.

But he is interested as well in collecting artifacts that reflect Jewish life. Some of them that now repose in the archives include:

The granite cornerstones from the Berkeley St. and Palmerston Ave. synagogues; the ancient wooden ballot box used by the Toronto Hebrew Benevolent Society (where a black ball signified you were not accepted for membership, hence the term "blackball"); tin pushke boxes used for collecting funds for Zionist causes.

Also, badges and buttons and ribbons worn by executive members of Jewish benevolent societies; the 7-inch brass key designed for the official opening of the Terauley St. Synagogue in 1907; and innumerable scrap books which chronicle the life and times of families who struggled to build a new society in the Jewish enclaves in Ontario towns.

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"Clearly the result of deliberate Soviet policy"

Jewish emigration dips to lowest level in 20 years

NEW YORK [JTA] —

The Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry (GNYCSJ) announced last week that only 1,307 Jews emigrated from the Soviet Union in 1983, the lowest number in 20 years.

At a press conference at the Roosevelt Hotel, Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs Elliott Abrams announced that this represents a drop of 98%.

Representing the state department, Abrams stated: "This drastic decline in Jewish emigration is clearly the result of deliberate Soviet policy and not the consequence of a steep decline in applicants."

Herbert Kronish, GNYCSJ chairman, pointed out that, at the current rate at which applications for exit visas are being handled, "the last of the more than 400,000 Jews now in the process of seeking to leave the Soviet Union can expect to see freedom three centuries from now."

Earlier in December, the Reagan administration released its 15th semi-annual report on implementation of the Helsinki Final Act.

The administration report said the Soviets are claiming that "letters of invitation received by Soviet Jews from abroad are fraudulent, the fabrications of groups in the U.S. and Israel who wish to 'prove' that the Jewish emigration question is still current and to discredit the Soviet Union in the process."

There have been articles in the Soviet press "asserting that Jewish agencies in the West are no more than front organizations for U.S. and Israeli intelligence and that the deliberate efforts of these agencies to stimulate Jewish emigration by transmitting vyzovs [letters of invitation] en masse is in essence an intelligence gathering exercise."

In a related development, recently convicted Moscow Hebrew teacher Iosif Begun was accused of "committing an especially dangerous state crime" while "following instructions of foreign Zionist centres . . . directed at causing a disintegration of the Soviet regime," according to a transcript of the verdict obtained by the National Conference on Soviet Jewry (NCSJ).

According to the NCSJ, the veneer under which Jewish rights are actually abused by Soviet authorities is exposed in the court's verdict. Begun was found guilty of crimes against the state because he "provoked nationalistic, emigration tendencies among Soviet citizens of Jewish nationality," and promoted "the thesis of the exclusiveness and isolation of the Jews."

Soviet Jews are still managing to get news of their activities out to the West.

Refusenik Nadia Fradkova, a Leningrad resident in her 30s, has started her second hunger strike of the year to persuade Soviet officials to let her to to Israel, according to the Associated Press.

Jewish dissident sources in Moscow told Western reporters late last month that she was prepared to starve rather than wait for permission to emigrate.

In Toronto, the Catholic New Times, an independent bi-weekly with a strong interest in the international peace movement, reported that a Soviet Jew, Olga Medvedkov, has been arrested and beaten in connection with her activities in the Soviet peace movement.

And the Greater New York Conference on Soviet Jewry has revealed that, in addition to Anatoly Scharansky, who is suffering from a serious heart problem, Aleksandar Paritsky, Feliks Kochubievsky and several other Prisoners of Conscience are also seriously ill.

In addition, in a recent news release from Washington, the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews says that Inna Elbert of Kiev, wife of Prisoner of Conscience Lev Elbert, has been fired from her job for "absenteeism."

The Elberts were the focus of a successful international campaign, in which Canadian MP Ian Deans was prominent, to have drug charges against both of them dropped.

Inna is the sole supporter of herself and her young son Carmi.

She went on a 6-week hunger strike to protest the accusations and suffered liver damage and a mild heart attack, but had been assured by Soviet authorities in both Moscow and Kiev that she would have her job when she recuperated, according to the UCSJ release.

Some words of 'wisdom' from the past.

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Argentinians seek Israeli aid

TEL AVIV [JTA] —

Relatives and friends of the approximately 2,000 Jews among the estimated 30,000 Argentinian citizens who disappeared under the former regimes of the nation's generals have complained that the Israeli government has not done enough to bring pressure to bear to establish the fate of the "disappeared persons."

At a press conference here, relatives charged that the government had been dragging its feet for political reasons. They said the foreign ministry has had no concrete plan for dealing with the issue while the military junta was in power.

A non-Jewish woman married to an Argentine Jew said that when her husband was killed in a round-up she had been taken to prison "as bad as a concentration camp" and had disappeared from view for more than two years, during which time she and other prisoners had been beaten and tortured.

She said that Jews had not been arrested because they were Jews, but received far worse treatment than non-Jews at the hands of anti-semitic guards "who believed they were carrying out God's will."

Doctor receives service award

TORONTO —

Dr. Alexander Franklin, an active member of the Toronto Jewish community, was recently presented with a Canadian Red Cross Society Service Award for "outstanding leadership and participation . . . in its humanitarian activities."

Franklin, an industrial health consultant, was founder of the Toronto Central Chapter of the Canadian Red Magen David and the Toronto physicians' committee for the Weizmann Institute.

He is past chairman of the Upper Canada B'nai B'rith Lodge blood donor committee.

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Arts

Young director named for 1984 Stratford production

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO —

Steven Schipper, a rising young director with impressive credits at the Stratford Festival, Toronto Free Theatre and Theatre Calgary, has been named associate director for the production of Romeo and Juliet at Stratford in the 1984 season.

Schipper, 28, is determined that his professional duties not interfere with his strong desire to be a committed and concerned Jew. This is not surprising, considering he comes from an Orthodox family in Montreal, his days at Herzliah High School, his interest in BBYO (he was a regional president and a drama instructor at Kallah camp at Starlight, Penn.) and a 6-week visit to Israel on his own in 1980.

It was his second trip to the Jewish state. In 1968 his parents, Jack and Regina Schipper, took him there as a bar mitzvah present.

The director, married to actress Terri Cherniak of Winnipeg, [they live in Toronto now] is also interested in staging plays with strong Jewish content, and is preparing a workshop production for Toronto Fine Theatre of Laughter's Child, by Jewish playwright Walter Bruno of Montreal, about a Jewish factory owner in that city in the 1930s.

He is the director of Single, starring Rosemary Dunsmore, which is resuming its Toronto run at the Bayview Playhouse Jan. 9. The play sold out in an earlier production at Toronto Free Theatre and at a just completed run at Encore Theatre in Montreal.

It was Dunsmore who asked that Schipper direct her in Single. She won plaudits for her roles as Celia in As You Like It, the Queen in Richard II and as Mrs. Alithea in Country Wife, at Stratford this year. Schipper was assistant director of the latter play and of Macbeth at Stratford.

Schipper was only 17 when he enrolled at McGill University in 1972 and became active in the campus theatre life. He had already directed productions for BBYO. At McGill, he acted the part of Lysander in A Midsummer Night's Dream.

In 1974 he was attracted to Bishop's University at Lennoxville, Que., because of its theatre department. It was there, he says, that he first learned the importance, in a non-Jewish environment, of maintaining a strong Jewish identity for himself.

By this time he was committed to a career in theatre, and became a student at the National Theatre School, where he took extra training on the technical side. At Theatre Calgary in 1980 and 1981 he was an actor, stage manager and director of several 1-act productions in its Midnight Series.

Schipper made his directing debut in Toronto at Toronto Free Theatre with Unseen Hand, a Sam Shepard play, which won a nomination for a Dora Mavor Moore Award as Outstanding Production. The Toronto Star's drama critic picked him as one of the two most promising directors to arrive on the Toronto scene that year.

His parents live in Cote Ste Luc. His father, now a manufacturer, operated a garage in Montreal for 20 years. A sister, Mrs. Sheldon Wiseman (Debbie) lives in Ottawa.

Greenberg cooks with new series

TORONTO —

Canadian expatriate Sheldon Greenberg played a prominent role in the production of the multimillion dollar British-Japanese food series, The Spice of Life, to be shown on TVOntario.

Greenberg, who now lives in England, not only co-produced the series for Blackrod Limited, a TV production house, but with cookery writer Elisabeth Lambert Ortiz, co-authored the book on which the 13-part series is based.

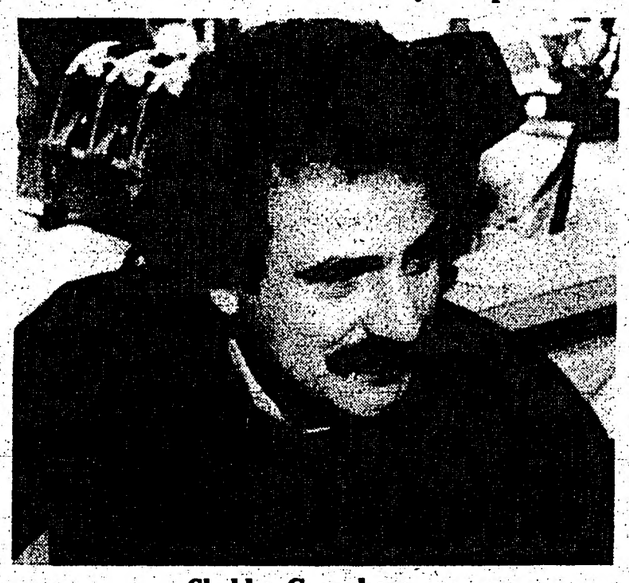
The Spice of Life travels to 18 countries as it spotlights the tastes and sensations that have flavored the world through visits to restaurants, festivals and famous chefs' kitchens.

Greenberg joined TVOntario's legal department more than a decade ago. The success of his TVO series, The Caput Hearings, a docudrama set in the Don Jail, influenced his decision to abandon law and devote himself full time to production.

He gained prominence with such avant-garde TVO productions as Media Circus and Nightmusic and won further acclaim with Issues, a series he co-produced with TVO's Wally Longul. Issues was hosted first by Charles Templeton and then by Peter Desbarats.

Greenberg received international attention as one of the originators and chief writer of TVOntario's award-winning Fast Forward, the series that showcases high technology of the future. The Real Story, a current affairs show with James Laxer, was his last TVO production before he joined Blackrod as a writer and producer.

The Spice of Life will be shown weekly beginning Saturday, Jan. 7 at 7 p.m. and repeated Mondays at 7 p.m.



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Arts

One woman exhibit at St. Lawrence Centre

Rustic cottage inspires career change

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —
You never can tell when a mere fluke will direct a middle-aged woman into a second career.

At least, that's what happened to Rima Brodie. She's the 50-year-old former dancer who headed her own dance company and is now a successful fibre artist whose 1-woman show has been on display at the St. Lawrence Centre.

The switch in careers began for her quite by accident in 1974, when she and her saxophonist husband, Paul Brodie, who together operated Toronto's Brodie School of Music and Modern Dance, decided to buy a rustic old cottage on Moon River in Muskoka.

The 50-year-old property, complete with pine interiors and a big natural stone fireplace, was sparsely furnished.

"I wanted to decorate the wall with natural objects," she recalls. "So I collected pine cones, bullrushes and shells and wanted to hang them as a kind of sculpture. But I found I didn't have a satisfactory way to tie nature's objets d'art together."

Before she knew it, she was enrolled in courses at Toronto's Village Weaver.

"I bought myself a full-sized floor loom," she says. "And I learned off-loom weaving, crochet, Danish lace, and just about any technique I could in order to express my ideas. In 1979, I staged my first show at the St. Lawrence Centre, and I was in business as a fibre artist."

Now she's back at the St. Lawrence Centre exhibiting 27 works of art that clearly establish her as a pro. Her least expensive pieces are $250 wall hangings. They're made of raffia, jute and butcher twine, are about one foot in length, and depict amusing clowns and jolly primitive faces in mask form.

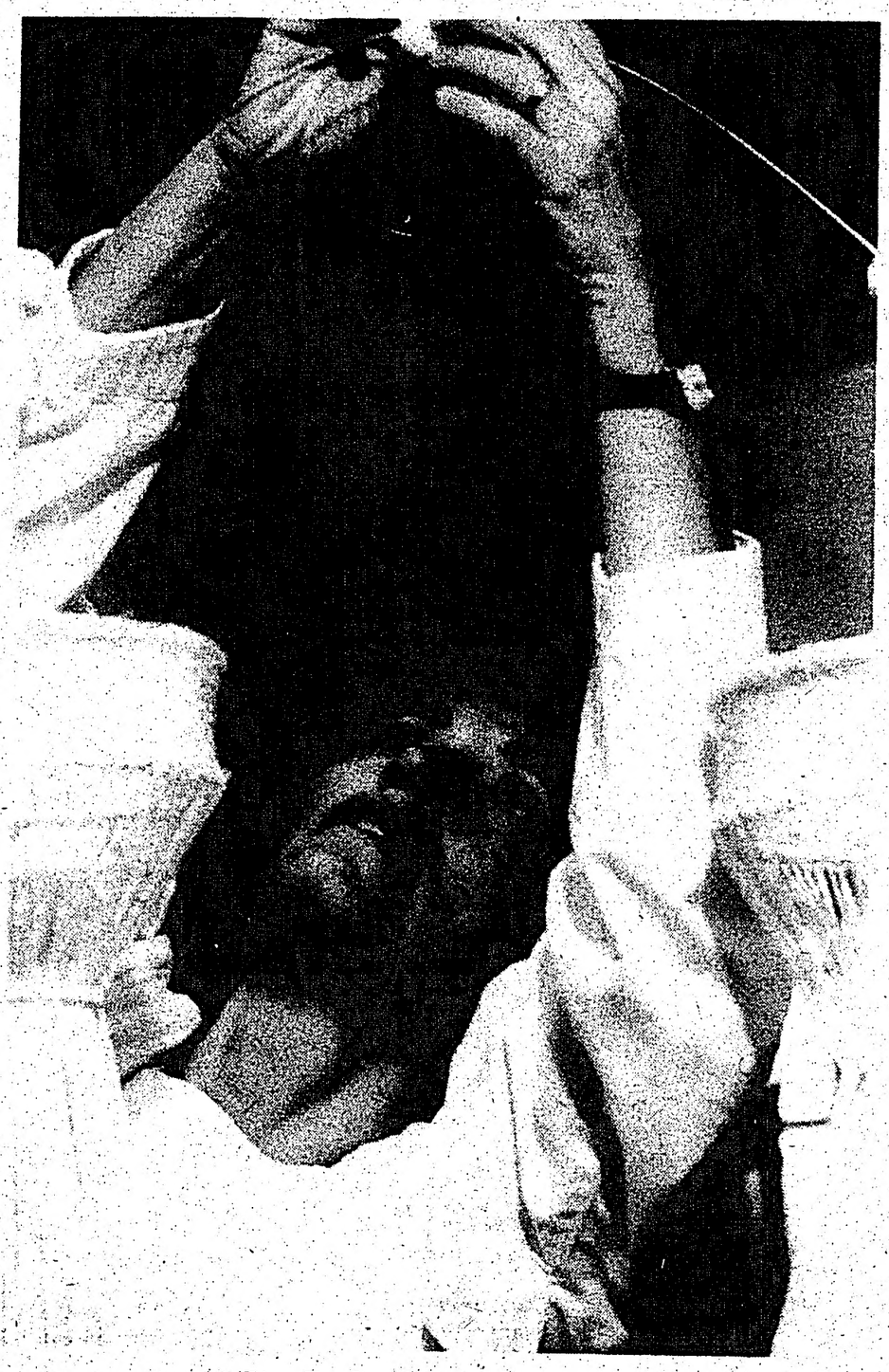
Her most expensive piece is a $12,000 totem pole. It stands 9 feet tall, is made of a beige rope-like jute, and is a highly original sculpture of an eagle atop a beaver.

Another dramatic piece is a 5-foot-tall dragon made of marina rope and green carpet wool that sells for $10,000. A camel, an enchanted forest of fibre plants, a copper wire flower shaped like a delicate Magen David — all are creations that reflect sensitive talent.

Rima Brodie has undoubtedly inherited her artistic love for materials from her immigrant Hungarian grandfather, David Goodman, who used to work in the Spadina garment trade. Her commercial sense was probably acquired from her father, Murray Goodman, now retired after operating the Kingston Rd. variety store called Smokes 'n' Stuff.

Her career as a dancer, she thinks, helped develop her sense of discipline.

She and her husband closed their school two years ago, because they are too occupied with other things.



Rima Brodie working on a mobile.

"Paul's career as a performer took off when he played the sax for Warren Beatty in Heaven Can Wait," she says. "And my second career as a fibre artist took off and I've been deluged with commissions."

She and her husband both work out of studios in their home in the Bathurst-Eglinton area (telephone number 783-7958).

"Fibres are popular nowadays because they're warm, touchable, approachable," she says. "People who live and work in concrete buildings favor them as art over cold metal or bronze used by traditional sculptors."

But if you want to commission her for a fibre work of art to ornament your place, you'd better contact her before Jan. 19. She and her husband are leaving then for a tour that will take them until March 20 to India, Singapore, Hong Kong, the Philippines and Australia.

"Paul will be performing in 60 concerts," she says. "Meanwhile, I'll be in galleries exhibiting the handiwork of my second career — which is a nice way to combine both our careers while we travel together."

Stage adaptation faithful to beloved children's story

TORONTO —
Toad of Toad Hall, based on Kenneth Grahame's beloved The Wind in the Willows, caters beautifully to a child's imaginative world.

Playing at the St. Lawrence Centre until Jan. 14, Toad of Toad Hall has been adapted to the stage by A. A. Milne, who has kept faith with Grahame's story line.

The play revolves around the lives of Rat, Mole, Badger and Toad, river creatures who are remarkably like human beings. In fact, this is an understatement. These animals are probably more than like humans than humans themselves.

They are endearing characters: Badger, a gruff, avuncular busybody; Rat, a cheerful rodent who wouldn't harm a cat; Mole, a gentle beast who craves affection, and Toad, the conceited, amusing frog who takes to fast automobiles.

The situations in which they find themselves are not too far-fetched, certainly not for children between the ages of about 3 and 12. Director Toby Robertson guides them through their roles with a real sense of finesse.

However, I would question the length of Toad of Toad Hall. Two hours is a little too long for the average child. The script could have been trimmed without much trouble.

Despite this, the performers do not flag — particularly Shaun Austin-Olsen, who plays Toad. Austin-Olsen is uproarious, and Douglas Campbell, as Badger, is approachably stentorian.

My 8-year old daughter enjoyed Toad of Toad Hall and, as an interested bystander, I understand why. — S.K.

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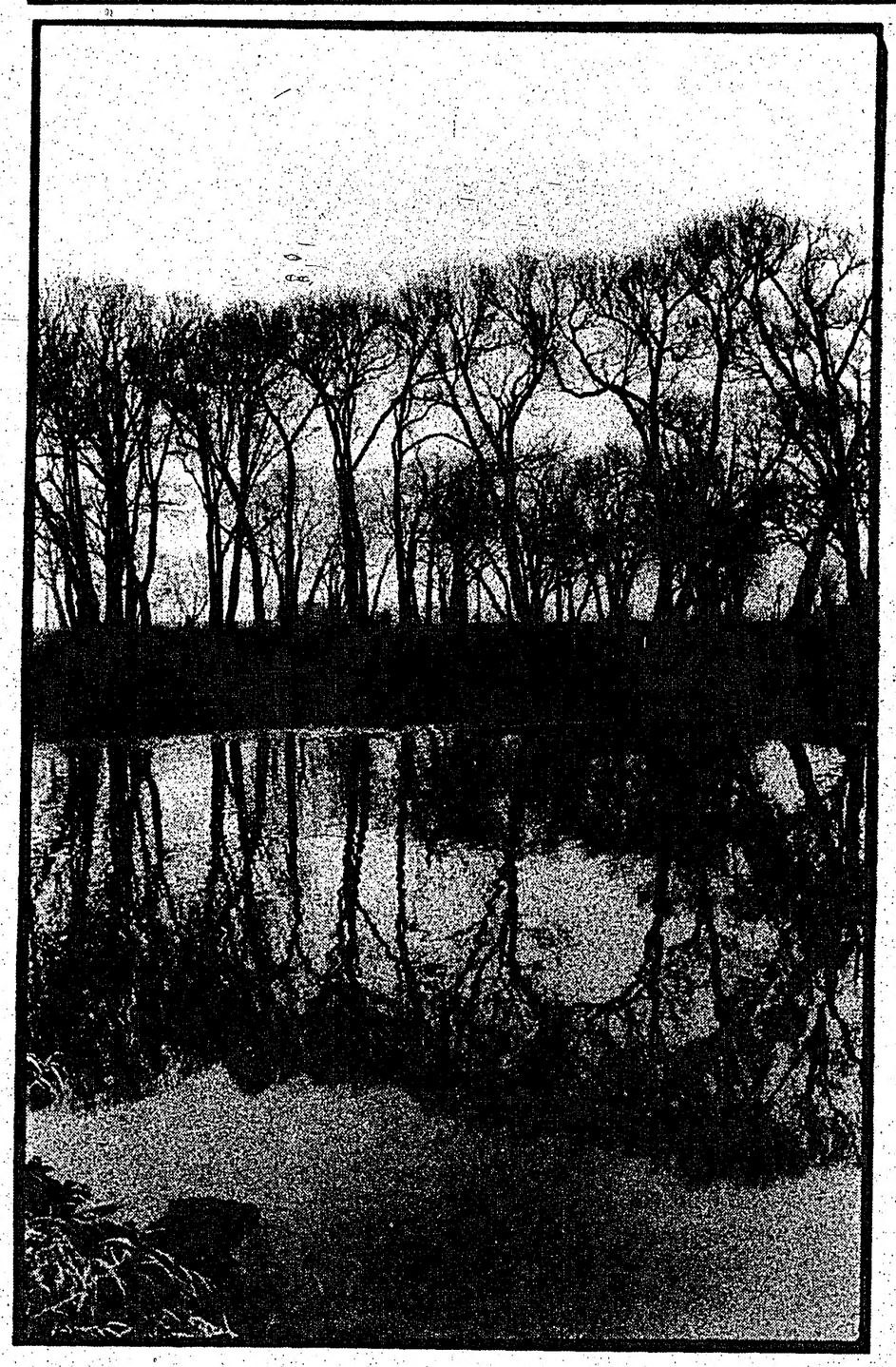


Nir Bareket captures tranquil scene in Toronto.

Photographer travels in world of pictures

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO — Globe-trotting photographer Nir Bareket, and his wife, Eti, were born in the same small town of Israel, but met and married in New York.

One of their two daughters, Edit, 16, was born in New York, and the other, Mika, 11, in Jerusalem. The Barekets have run commercial photography studios in New York, Geneva, Jerusalem, and for the past eight years, in Toronto.

Now the family lives above their studio at 464 College St., just west of Bathurst. When Nir feels restless, he hops on his bicycle, camera slung round his neck, and tours the gold mine waiting in that polyglot area nearby.

The 45-year-old Israeli photographer has an impressive list of firsts to his credit. He was the first staff photographer ever hired by the Israel Museum in Jerusalem [1972-75]. His portfolio of 25 photos of the then-deserted Don Jail became the first contemporary photography to be purchased by the city of Toronto for its archives and were the subject of a 1-man show at the Market Gallery in 1979. He was the first photographer ever sent by the city on an artists' exchange [to Toronto's twin city, Amsterdam in 1978].

His most recent exhibition, 50 photos of people and places in Toronto, ended a 1-month run at the Market Gallery Dec. 24. The Barekets hope it will be mounted again soon at another location.

"How did I come to be a photographer?" Bareket repeated my question and shrugged, eyes searching upwards for the answer. "Who knows?" he replied. "Careers don't start early in Israel. I was an officer in the Israeli army, and afterwards I decided I wanted to travel in Europe. But first I thought it would be nice to see New York.

"But it was easier to enter U.S. on a student visa than a tourist visa, so I enrolled in the New York Institute of Photography, and then I got a job with an advertising agency."

His exhibition at the New York Institute of Photography in 1966 was the first 1-student show ever held by the Institute in its 57-year history.

Bareket's first studio in Toronto was on north Bathurst St. next to Gryfe's Bakery. "We didn't fall in love with Toronto until we moved down here to College St.," Nir said. "The girls didn't want to leave their friends and schools. Now they don't want us to leave here."

He ambles patiently around the city, looking for a subject with the eye of an artist. One day he saw four people sitting in front of the Doctors Hospital on Brunswick St., each on a bench of their own, each in a world of their own.

He likes to wander in Kensington Market and several of his pictures taken there are in a forthcoming book on Toronto Neighborhoods by Marjorie Harris. Two of his color pictures are in another anthology, Celebrating Toronto, already published.

Nir's wife, Eti, is optimistic about the future of photography as an art form in Toronto, foreseeing the time when there will be many more photographic galleries in the city.

Sculptor backs her way into less serious horsing around

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — The horses began as a joke, says Toronto sculptor Badanna Zack about her work at the Art Gallery of Hamilton.

Her current exhibition, From Horse to Horsepower, is a sort of celebration of the end of a phase in the sculptor's career.

After that, it's on to something else, but meanwhile, Zack's black, life-size horse sculptures in styrofoam, vinyl or leather, mysteriously disappear into the gallery walls or, equally mysteriously, emerge from them.

Mostly they are rear ends — varying portions of horses, grouped in threes or fours or more; occasionally they appear to be coming out of the wall to graze, calm and unconcerned, long necks gracefully bent towards the gallery carpet.

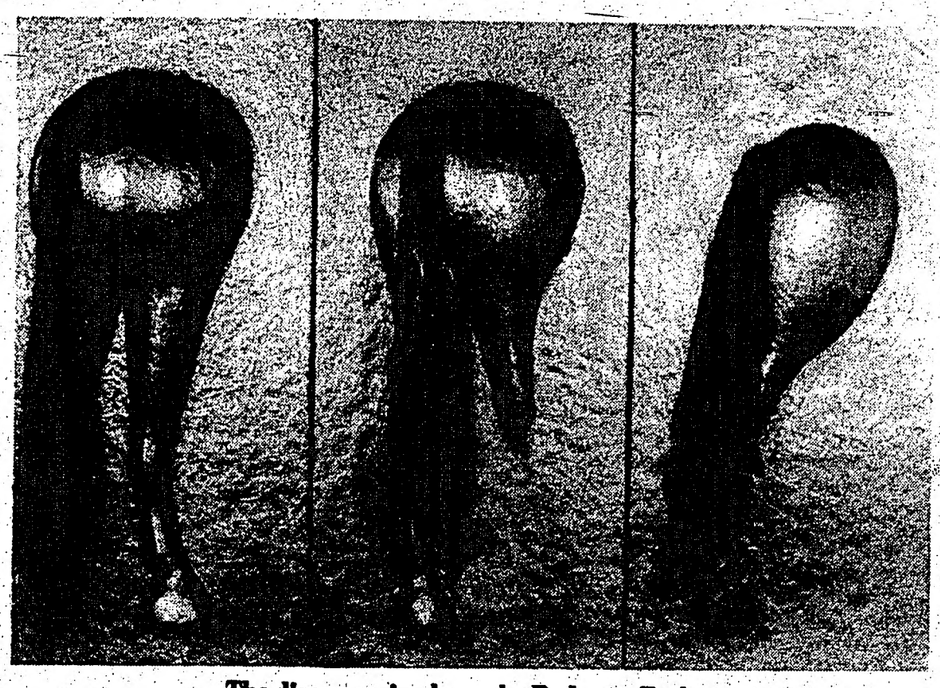
What could she have been thinking of? Zack does not explain.

But the slides she is showing reveal her progress from drawings — "I never liked painting" — to woodcuts, which she liked because they were black and white and "because there's a physicality to it, to sculpture, which eventually started getting abstract."

A Montrealer who dropped out of architecture at McGill University in the early 50s and worked at various jobs "trying to be respectable," Zack finally decided "there was no point to it" and returned to school to study fine arts at Sir George Williams University, where she obtained her BA, and to Rutgers University in New Jersey for her MFA.

She was taking herself very seriously at the time, "but there was an angst to it and now, the angst has turned to humor."

She spent "a long time on erotica" and for a while she was preoccupied with death but now, "I like having some fun," says Zack, deadpan and perfectly serious.



The disappearing horse by Badanna Zack.

A slim, petite woman in black turtleneck and gray pants tucked into boots, she leads the way to the photographs that tell the story of the horsepower part of the show.

It's her old yellow Volkswagen, smashed up in a scrapyard, with the process faithfully recorded in stills and on a 14-minute videotape by video/photographic artist Irwin Karnick.

But "the Volkswagen is not a car you can take seriously and somewhere along the line came the idea of someone looking very glamorous presiding over the smashing up process in the scrapyard."

And so here is Zack, by her own description "totally ludicrous," in a tight, uncomfortable minidress, directing the "hilarious" proceedings.

Meanwhile, on another wall — ever diminishing pieces of the car, faithfully reproduced out of fabric and glue, until all that's left is heaped in a long, sad pile in the centre of the room.

Her next project, says Zack, is to find a Toronto house that's destined for renovation or demolition, remove all the fittings and fixtures and replace them with soft sculptures and then hold an exhibition for about three months in conjunction with a videotape recording of the process.

She hopes to start next spring, but so far there are problems finding a suitable house. "I just want to loan it for a period of about 1½ years," she says.

From Horse to Horsepower will be at the gallery at 123 King St., until Jan. 8. Admission is free and gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Sundays 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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Ambitious Zuckerman trilogy comes to disappointing end

Only Roth fans should be tickled by perplexing hero

The Anatomy Lesson by Philip Roth. McGraw-Hill Ryerson, $19.50.

books

By BERNARD BASKIN

This concluding novel in Roth's ambitious trilogy continues the anguished saga of Nathan Zuckerman.

The Ghostwriter (1979), the first in the series, depicted the writer as a young man during his visit to a world-famed literary eminence who resembled Bernard Malamud or I. B. Singer. This largely disillusioning experience included the appearance of a mysterious and elusive young woman who, in his befuddled consciousness, resembled Anne Frank.

Zuckerman Unbound (1981), portrayed the writer's overwhelming success as the author of Carnousky, a novel that bore a striking resemblance to Portnoy's Complaint.

But fame brought idleness, uncertainty and guilt. Nathan's father, on his death bed, cursed his son for his book of Jewish betrayal. His young brother turned on him savagely: "Love, marriage, children, what - the - hell do you care? To you it's all fun and games."

In the end however, Zuckerman/Roth feels a sense of freedom. He has learned to live with his anxieties, he has effaced the past, he is emotionally unbound.

The Anatomy Lesson, finds Zuckerman, aged 40, a profoundly unhappy man. Despite acclaim, affluence, willing girl friends and available drugs, he is miserable. He is in the grip of a writer's block that has prevented him from writing over a 4-year period. Moreover, he has experienced 18 months of mysterious pain in his upper torso that he suspects is psychic in origin. Also, he is bitterly attacked by the influential literary critic Milton Appel [Irving Howe] for "making a Jewish comedy out of genital life."

Zuckerman, knowing that he has exhausted himself as a subject decides to become a medical student. This is an opportunity "to unchain himself from a future as a man apart and escape the corpus that was his." Perhaps an unselfish concern for other people will be physically and emotionally wholesome. "Somebody should have told me about them long ago."

In the course of this often nightmarish novel an angst-ridden Zuckerman indulges in outrageous behavior. On one occasion, high on drugs, he disguises himself as his adversary Milton Appel and engages in a series of high-jinks that ends in the Jewish cemetery where he attempts to throttle an astonished old man.

He bangs his head on a monument and ends up in the hospital.

This uneven, repetitious, strident account ends disappointingly with no resolution in sight for Zuckerman's manifold problems.

Roth admirers will cherish the book for its mordant wit, scenes of high hilarity and the many-sided complex spectacle of Zuckerman (could it be Roth?) trying to come to terms with the infuriating problems of being both an honest and successful writer in modern society.

Practical approach to Torah study provided flame for rabbi's Sparks

By LEAH BELFON

TORONTO — Sparks From the Torah, Meir Uri Gottesman's latest book, is more than a spark. A spark leaps quickly out of the fire, then crackles and dies. Rabbi Gottesman's Torah sparks are more like flames. They burn steadily and glow . . . not only when the book is opened, but long afterwards in the heart.

Rabbi Gottesman
(David Silver photo)

The title, Sparks From the Torah, comes from Rabbi Gottesman's column of the same name, which appears in The Canadian Jewish News and other Jewish weeklies.

The columns, which are based on the Portion of the Week, have attracted a wide readership because they explain, in a clear, straightforward manner, how we can derive personal meaning from the week's teachings and apply it to our everyday lives.

The same is true of the book. Sparks From the Torah will appeal not only to the learned (although it has a lot for them, too), but also to the Jew who is not very familiar with Torah sources.

Among the "sparks" are stories and thoughts of the sages of our own and other eras. Contemporary themes are dealt with in view of the parsha's teachings, and a wide variety of issues is covered: leaving one's mark, staying young, loving one's spouse, the importance of mitzvahs, the Jewish concept of charity, loving one's fellow man and developing a positive outlook.

Everything is written in a warm, conversational style.

For example, here are Gottesman's comments on Parshas Vayechi regarding the upbringing of children:

"When Jacob blessed his grandchildren, he declared: 'And let them increase like fish in the midst of the earth . . .'

"Increase like fish? Why fish? But there is a great difference between fish and other species. A lamb is kosher, or a cow . . . But anywhere along the process — in the slaughtering, the inspection, the soaking, or salting — it can be made unkosher. Born kosher, but made treif.

"Not a fish. A fish is born kosher, like a carp, or a whitefish, and it can never become unkosher. So with Jewish children. They must be given such a love of Torah, of mitzvas, that come all the yetzer horahs (wrongful inclinations) they still remain sacred to G-d."

Gottesman is 10th generation in a unbroken line of rabbis. He is the author of the best-selling Shpeter books for children, and operates Ma-Tov, a Jewish book store, at 3173A Bathurst St. at Woburn.

Gottesman will sign copies of Sparks From the Torah at Ma-Tov on Sunday, Jan. 8 from 12 noon until 4 p.m.

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The ball is in Bruhn's court

Ballet companies could benefit from artistic exchange

music

By
RICK KARDONNE

Why not a cultural exchange between the leading modern dance company in Israel, the world-renowned Bat-Dor, and the National Ballet of Canada?

Fresh from a triumphant October 4-week engagement in New York to full houses and critical raves, Bat-Dor has now officially expressed its desire for an exchange with our National Ballet. As Erik Bruhn, National Ballet artistic director, is probably well acquainted with some of Bat-Dor's leading choreographers such as Gene Hill Sagan and Domy Reiter-Soffer, such an exchange would result in an ideal artistic cross-fertilization which would benefit both companies.

There probably could be no better current means to consolidate grassroots Canadian-Israeli friendship than such a cultural exchange. The National Ballet would be warmly received in Israel and their personnel would find an exciting modern dance as well as classical inspiration there. And Bat-Dor's innovation would strike receptive chords among the modernist atmosphere now being emphasized throughout Canadian cultural circles.

Bat-Dor has made the initial gesture. It is hoped the National Ballet and supporting organizations will respond.

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Temple Sinai's annual Ruth Mendelsohn Memorial Concert will take place following the service on Friday, Jan. 13. Featured will be the distinguished conductor Victor Feldbrill and an 18-piece professional string orchestra, with the noted violinist Morry Kernerman as soloist.

The program will be an interesting one: the Introduction, Aria and Presto of Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739) highlights an important work by a Venetian composer who was fascinated by the music of the synagogue and who adapted synagogue melodies for his psalm settings.

Felix Mendelssohn's well-known Concerto for Violin and String Orchestra will be performed with soloist Morry Kernerman, assistant Toronto Symphony concertmaster, who is also a Temple Sinai congregant.

Ben Steinberg's recent Suite for String Orchestra commissioned by the Chamber Players of Toronto and premiered at the St. Lawrence Centre last April, will follow.

This music of Jewish interest from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries will be conducted by Victor Feldbrill who has led the Winnipeg Symphony, the Toronto Symphony, the Canadian National Youth Orchestra and has toured throughout Europe, the USSR and England.

He is present a professor at Tokyo's University of the Arts and principal conductor of Tokyo's Geidai Orchestra.

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Due to schedule conflicts such as just noted, it has sometimes been necessary for me to review some concerts by means of live-performance tapes.

While the tapes have been of acceptance quality, and the organizers of such events have been most cooperative in making the tapes, the lack of accompanying detailed program notes has recently resulted in factual inaccuracies regarding musicological information, especially when it comes to highly specialized topics where such information is otherwise hard to acquire.

Such inaccuracies (specifically involving the recent Judeo-Spanish concert, which was taped due to its coincidence with the Israel Chassidic Song Festival) are unintentional and are to be deeply regretted. In the future, however, it is advised that detailed explanations be supplied with the tapes in the event that tapings are required.

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Actor traded subscription for part in U.S. production

By
PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO —

Backstage, the actors' trade paper, has just lost 25% of its Toronto circulation.

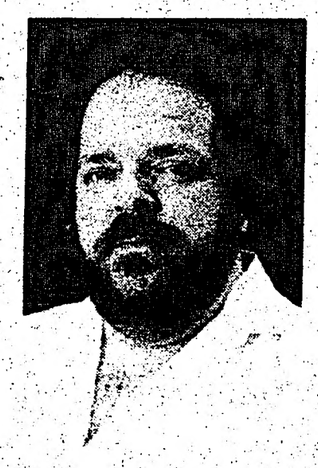
Toronto actor Michael Givon, one of only four regular customers at Lichtman's News for the New York paper, is on his way to Chicago to play Big Jule in Guys and Dolls at the Candlelight Dinner Playhouse.

"It's a real accomplishment for a Canadian actor to land a major part in a U.S. production," Givon told The CJN. "And I got it because of an ad in Backstage."

In his search for work, the 42-year-old actor who turned professional only five years ago regularly buys Backstage and Variety, "two virtual directories of where you can find work in the U.S."

He was astonished to find out that only three people share his interest in Backstage, which has the most complete listings.

"People here say 'I'm not going to try down there — they're too cold,' but you've got to use chutzpah."



Michael Givon

When Givon saw a small paragraph in Backstage advertising auditions for Guys and Dolls, he didn't write, he phoned.

Fresh from the role of Big Jule in the Citadel Theatre production in Edmonton, he auditioned without a script and "about 15 people in the back of the darkened theatre stood up and applauded. I didn't even know they were there."

An Israeli by birth and a former Hebrew teacher whose amateur credits include work with Dora Wasserman's Yiddish theatre group in Montreal, Givon is used to hustling for his roles.

He packs 260 pounds on a 5 ft. 10" frame, and his deep voice rumbles with echoes of Hebrew, Yiddish and German — all languages he speaks fluently. "I'm obviously a character actor, and I started late — the new kid on the block."

On stage, he's played Lazar Wolf in Fiddler on the Roof, Mr. Foreman in Enter Laughing, and in a good dozen TV productions, including King of Kensington and Second City TV. He's also done a number of commercials, including a burly French Foreign Legionnaire in a credit card commercial.

But theatre is his first love, and Broadway is his goal — so when Big Jule hits town, Lichtman's better have have his copy of Backstage waiting.

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Baryshnikov in Cinderella

Ballet, comedy only part of culture offered in Miami

By ROSE KLEINER

MIAMI BEACH — Miami Beach usually conjures up visions of ocean bathing, good food, shopping and carefree living. But culture is also part of this picture.

To complement the lively nightclub scene in Miami, you can add to your entertainment list first class music, dance and theatrical fare. Lectures by nationally known figures can also become part of your holiday.

Most of these happenings can be reached by public transportation, and they are sure to enrich your stay.

Naturally there is a Jewish component to the arts scene in Miami Beach. What is more, one of the synagogues near the beach happens to be among the prime movers to make Miami a centre of culture. Happily, the events scheduled for the next few months are scheduled in such a way that no matter when you arrive, you are bound to find something interesting to attend.

The main Gallery in the Fontainebleau Hilton's new Dining Galleries is an intimate setting highlighted by art treasures.

Of course, during the December winter holidays, Miami was buzzing with numerous shows. For example, The Rebbetzin, a Yiddish-English musical comedy at Baily Concert Hall was running almost simultaneously with Bashert at the Versailles Hotel. Further north, the luxurious Fontainebleau Hotel was the setting for a concert by the Neginah Orchestra, sponsored by the Lubavitch Youth Organization.

But more and even better attractions are yet to come this winter in Miami. The excellent programs ahead will be taking place mostly at the Miami Beach Theatre of the Performing Arts (673-7302) or at Temple Beth Sholom (532-3491). Both are located within walking distance from Collins Ave.

The Theatre of the Performing Arts will be the site of a variety of programs this season. In January it will be hosting the American Ballet Theater with Mikhail Baryshnikov, who will appear in his new production of Cinderella. Beethoven's Tenth, a new comedy by and with Peter Ustinov, will be at the Theater of the Performing Arts Jan. 24 - Feb. 4.

Israeli musical review presented

Shalom 84 is scheduled at the same theatre from Feb. 11 to Feb. 14. This new musical review comes directly from Israel. On April 5 Alexander Godunov, the famous Bolshoi dancer, will appear in Giselle.

A major figure behind the effort to give Miami Beach greater cultural content is Judy Drucker of Temple Beth Sholom. Located just across the 41st Street bridge from Miami Beach, Beth Sholom is now a must for those in search of culture on the beach. Here are some of the concerts booked for this winter:

Called the "Russian piano superstar," Bella Davidovich will appear on Jan. 26. The Israel Chamber Orchestra is next on Feb. 6. The Brandenburg Ensemble, with pianist Peter Serkin, is coming on Feb. 9, and the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center on March 15.

If you prefer lectures, Beth Sholom is again the place to be. The forthcoming lecture series should enrich any visit to Miami.

The weekend of Jan. 20-21 will bring Elie Wiesel with three lectures on Job. Harold S. Kushner, author of When Bad Things Happen to Good People will speak on Jan. 29.

Chassidic Music will be the topic when noted author and lecturer Velvel Pasternak leads the audience in "A Joyous Celebration."

Last but not least will be a weekend of fascinating lectures and presentations by Yitzhak Yitzhaki from March 16 to 18.

In addition to these programs Jewish films are shown every first and third Thursday of the month at the American Savings and Loan Auditorium on Lincoln Rd. The Miami Film Festival is scheduled for Feb. 3-12 and will include approximately 30 new films. The emphasis will be on the emerging cinema of post-Franco Spain, as well as a major filmmaker's retrospective and a salute to silent films.

A Festival Of The Arts will take place at the Miami Beach Convention Center [673-7733] Feb. 11-12. Vizcaya [854-1983] will be the setting for a Shakespeare Festival from Jan. 26 to March 18. Other forthcoming events include concerts by Pavarotti and Perlman.

But visitors to Miami after Jan. 24 are in for a very special treat. On this day an exhibit, "The Precious Legacy," opens at the Bass Museum of Art in Miami Beach (673-7530). This is one of only seven museums in North America which will provide the opportunity to view the magnificent Czech state collection of Jewish ceremonial art. It took the U.S. 15 years of negotiations to bring this exhibit over.

One other happening in Miami Beach this winter should be of interest to ladies who attend Sabbath services, and who know some Yiddish. It takes place every Sabbath morning, at the Crown Hotel on Collins Ave. There, in between the readings of the Torah portion, Rebbetzin Kravitz gives a running commentary on the text being chanted. Her presentation is so fine that a visit to this service is highly recommended.

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Island reminiscent of Holland

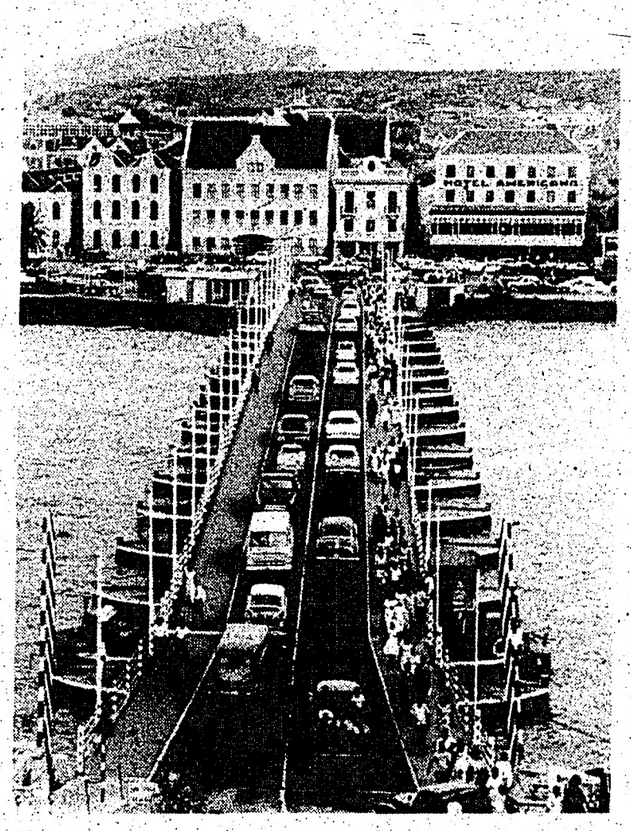
Curacao home of the oldest synagogue in Americas

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

WILLEMSTAD, Curacao —

Except for the hot, humid climate you might think you are in Holland when you tour sections of the island of Curacao, just north of the South American coast. You will not only hear Dutch spoken, but also see high gabled houses as in Amsterdam.

Curacao is one of six islands which form the Netherlands Antilles, formerly known as the Dutch West Indies. Willemstad is the capital of the group, but all six are becoming increasingly popular with those wanting to escape Canada's cold winter months. You can also visit Aruba, Bonaire, Saba, Saint Maarten and St. Eustatius. The Hollanders have been around since the 16th century.



The Queen Emma pontoon bridge at Willemstad, Curacao.

Cruise ships come to Curacao for a day or so, while other vacationers come to stay at a number of local and internationally known small and medium-size hotels to soak up the sun, enjoy the casinos, the excellent seafood and the shopping for native-made as well as imported goods of all kinds.

Duty-free shops are numerous, but make sure you know the price of the merchandise at your home area discount store. You can shop in Netherlands Antilles currency or U.S. dollars.

There are no stretches of wide sand beaches on Curacao, mostly rocky beaches. This island and Aruba are primarily used as oil refineries, and at night you can see the flames from the refineries from many vantage points on Curacao.

For instance, from the highest point on the island where Fort Nassau used to guard the island, you can now have a breathtaking view not only of the refineries at night, but also the seascape in the daytime when the fort is a modern restaurant, with outdoor and indoor dining rooms, lined with old Dutch Delft blue tiles.

While a modern air-conditioned food market has been built near the waterfront, one of the most colorful sights in Willemstad is the daily open market along the waterfront. Here sloops from nearby Venezuela tie up, and the owners put up tables of fresh vegetables, meat and fish from the mainland. Awnings are spread from the ships to the temporary tables to shade customers and merchant from the brilliant glare of the sun.

There are no white buildings on the island, having been banned more than a century ago by a governor who couldn't take the glare of the sun on the white painted buildings. So now you'll only find pastel colors on houses and commercial buildings.

One of the major sightseeing attractions on the island is the Mikve Israel Synagogue, also in pastel yellow exterior. It is the oldest synagogue in the Americas, built in 1732, which in 1982 marked its 250th birthday.

Built by Sephardic Jews from Amsterdam, it is a small version of the Spanish - Portuguese Synagogue in Amsterdam, with copper chandeliers and candlesticks as in the parent synagogue.

Until recent years the ladies sat upstairs as in the Amsterdam house of worship.

There is also an Ashkenazi Conservative congregation, Shaarei Tsedek.

Alongside the Sephardic synagogue is an old Jewish cemetery dating back to 1651, and ritual baths were found there recently among ruins of an earlier Sephardic synagogue built in the middle 17th century.

Aruba has more small hotels, good sand beaches and is noted for its scuba diving attraction. Old shipwrecks are bases for coral formations and myriads of tropical fish. There is one synagogue on Aruba.

Bonaire is much smaller, but a speciality for bird watching, with flamingos and other big seabirds attracting numerous visitors.

Saba is an unusual island where the settlement is in the centre of the island surrounded by the walls of an extinct volcano. Saint Maarten is an island shared with France which is called St. Martin, and each government administers its own portion of the island.

St. Eustatius is one of the islands which was settled several hundred years ago but is today of little strategic importance, has good scuba diving, ruins of old forts and a long-abandoned synagogue.

Travel guides a good way to plan European holiday

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Travel is an expensive business these days and anyone who embarks upon a trip without ample preparation is doing himself a great disservice.

If you haven't booked yourself on an organized tour with all the trimmings, you should have a fair idea what you'll see, where you'll stay, where you'll eat and where you'll shop.

Should Europe be your destination, you can research the subject thoroughly by reading two recently published books — **Fielding's Europe 1984 [Gage, $16.95]** and **Fielding's Selective Shopping Guide to Europe 1984 [Gage, $7.50].**

The Fielding guides have long been a fixture in the travel industry, having been created by Temple Fielding, an inveterate traveler with an insatiable wander lust.

Fielding Temple died last year, soon after the death of his wife, his collaborator. But the guide he founded lives on, and the latest edition, too, is produced by a couple — Joseph and Judith Raff.

The Raffs make a good team, being worldly and wise, and their guides are well organized, readable and to the point.

Nineteen countries, including Scotland, are listed in Europe 1984, and information is provided on such matters as trains, lifestyles and customs regulations.

According to the Raffs, the most expensive countries this year are: Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Belgium, Germany and Switzerland. The cheapest are: Spain, Ireland, Greece and Portugal.

In the Selective Shopping Guide to Europe, the authors have chosen to write of 1,400 shops in 20 lands, and they offer tips on what **not** to buy.

They've visited specialized shops, open-air markets, department stores, design centres and auction rooms, so that you can get the best and the most out of Europe.

Neither volume carries East European countries, and this is a pity, considering the sights and the bargains in places ranging from Poland to Bulgaria.

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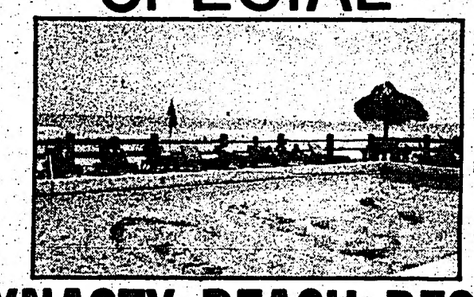

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Travel

Greased-pole climbing only slide away from music festival, possum auction

By FRANK RASKY

MIAMI —

Most Florida visitors know about Miami's annual Big Orange Music Festival, which will be held this season from Jan. 27 to Feb. 12. More than 250,000 spectators will be enjoying the beat of jazz, country, classical, bluegrass, rock and Latin rhythms at 30 free concerts and a variety of ticketed events.

Many tourists are also aware of the annual Palm Beach Croquet Invitational, which will be held Jan. 19 to 22. Top international croquet stars will compete at the prestigious Breakers Hotel.

But in case you're neither a croquet or music lover, there are plenty of novelty pageants and festivals which will be held elsewhere in the Sunshine State to amuse you.

The small northwest Florida town of Wausau is preparing for its annual greased-pole climbing and possum auction. Visitors can mingle with the fun-loving rural folk in a parade, cornpone-baking contest, gopher races, hog-calling contest, all capped with a giant fish fry.

Beach buffs are invited to create transitory works of art at Sarasota's International Winter Sandcastle Contest. Anyone may join in the sand sculpting. Fanciful entries usually include whales, mermaids, dogs and space ships.

The town of Spring Hill, inland from the St. Petersburg area, will play host to thousands this winter at the World's Chicken Pluckin' Championship. The Guinness World Book of Records records the times for winners. This tongue-in-cheek pageant is sidelighted by a Miss Drumstick Contest, a chicken-plucking musical show and a performance by the Beseda Czechoslovakian Dancers from nearby Masaryktown.

And you can always swashbuckle your heart out at the Feb. 13 Gasparilla Pirate Invasion of Tampa. According to legend, Tampa's waters were once ruled by a crusty pirate named Jose Gaspar, who had mutinied from the Spanish navy and had a grand old time flirting with the ladies a la Errol Flynn.

Though his actual existence may be doubtful, his character and spirit are real enough to invade the city each year.

Since 1904, an authentic pirate ship has sailed into Tampa Bay each winter manned by more than 500 costumed pirates. These swashbucklers capture the keys to the city and take over for a day of fun and festivity, including a spectacular parade through downtown Tampa. Errol Flynn (wherever you are) eat your heart out.

Double holiday pleasure

TORONTO —

"Toronto Doubles The Pleasure" is the name of a double-bargain holiday package being offered to tourists here this month and next by 35 major Metro hotels in conjunction with the Metro Toronto Convention & Visitors Association.

Bargain No. 1 is a 50% discount off regular room rates at the 35 hotels during four weekends of Jan. 20 and 27 and Feb. 3 and 10. The discounted prices range from $20 to $90 for double occupancy. And the hotels include such major ones as Inn On The Park, Loews Westbury, the Royal York and the Holiday Inn East and West.

Bargain No. 2 is a coupon book being offered to vacationers taking advantage of this winter special. The 35 coupons provide a variety of discounts at entertainment attractions, restaurants and stores.

The discounts include two-for-one admissions at Casa Loma and the Royal Ontario Museum, two-for-one sightseeing tours of Niagara, and Toronto by trolley, 50% discount at Go Tilden and Holiday Rent-A-Car, and 50% discount at Le Provencal Restaurant and the Hop And Grape Bar.

Avid theatregoers will also be attracted by the Five Star Tickets outlet at Eaton Centre offering yet another bargain — same-day, half-price tickets on a weekend lineup of music, dance and stage events.

Toronto is pulsing

TORONTO —

Vacationers taking advantage of the four weekends of bargain specials offered by 35 Metro hotels extending from Jan. 20 to Feb. 10 will find themselves in a city pulsing with exciting happenings.

The Molson Winterfest at Harbourfront will provide two weekends of old-fashioned outdoor fun on Jan. 28-29 and Feb. 4-5. Events include a polar bear fun run through the snow, clowns on ice, an ice sculpture contest and ice canoe trials.

The Toronto International Boat Show at Exhibition Place Jan. 13 to 22 spotlights 1,200 craft valued at $30 million, ranging from the latest designs to antique models.

Also at Exhibition Place, Cycle Canada (Jan. 27-29) will present new models, custom bikes, stunt riders and action cycle movies. And Speed Sport 84 (Feb. 10-12) attracts 75,000 enthusiasts annually to ogle at the array of wildly decorated custom cars, vans and hot rods.

At Maple Leaf Gardens, top tennis players from around the world compete in the Molson Light Challenge [Feb. 1-5] with such tennis champs as Jimmy Connors.

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Ridin' and ropin' flourish in Florida's cowboy country

By
FRANK RASKY

LABELLE, Fla. —

If you harbor the illusion that Florida is just for sunning and swimming, then it's time for you to shake the beach sand out of your Stetson and mosey along for a spell to Okeechobee-land.

It's south central Florida's cowboy country, about an hour's drive from Palm Beach, a half-hour's drive from Fort Myers, and a giddyap away from Lake Okeechobee.

You know you're approaching it by the fishermen sitting alongside the sedgegrass of the Caloosahatchee River angling catfish, snook and crappy; by the longhorns grazing by the thousands in the rolling hills of Highland and Hendry County; and by the wail of country and western singers on the radio keening their lament in such hurtin' tunes as Ramblin' Man and Cigareets And Whusky and Wild, Wild Wimmin.

The heart of the region is this weatherbeaten cowtown dozing in the sun, where the store fronts look as though they came straight out of a Hollywood western.

LaBelle is named after Laura and Belle, the two daughters of Captain Francis Hendry. He was a skipper from the days of the great cattle drives who won renown helping cowboys load their scrub cattle aboard ship for the Cuban market.

The cattle drives have long gone, but the ranch hands — as they prefer to be known — still remain.

You can tell them by the old alligator-skin boots and new Levis and white Stetsons they wear; by the polite John Wayne-like way they have of addressing all women as "Yes, ma'am," "No, ma'am;" and, above all, the quiet pride in their voice as they talk of the ridin' and ropin' they've done in regional rodeos.

Ridin' and ropin' are big rodeo attractions in south central Florida's cowboy country.

One of the oldest rodeos is the 30-year-old Annual Homestead Rodeo in nearby Homestead. It features the traditional parade of riders, floats and bands, coronation of rodeo queen, and quadrille riders exhibiting their intricate mounted "square-dance" patterns.

Other celebrated cowboy jamborees include the Silver Spurs Mid-Winter Rodeo held in late February at Kissimmee and the All-Florida Championship Rodeo staged March 10 and 11 at Arcadia.

The LaBelle ranch hands are proudest of the bronc-riding and steer-wrestling trophies they win at their home town's annual Swamp Cabbage Festival on Feb. 24 to 26.

Swamp cabbage is a less fancy name for heart of palm, the tender 3-foot bud cut from the Sabel palm, which is Florida's state tree. It's soaked in salt water, and served as a special treat along with barbecued wild boar, which are captured by the cowboys and their ferocious, 50-pound pit bulldogs in the swamplands, and sometimes the chopped swamp cabbage is served as a salad with a gamey alligator cutlet.

If these local delicacies are not to your taste, you can find more conventional fare at the nearby Port LaBelle Inn and Country club. It's a sleek, 4-storey hotel in the centre of the 18-hole Oxbow Course built by General Development Corp., which flies a good many Canadians down on weekends to buy its lots and homes in its planned communities.

Rates at the inn are $65 U.S. a night in winter. Huge steaks in its dining room, decorated with splendid Seminole Indian tapestries, are priced from $8 to $15 U.S.

But it's no place for wine connoisseurs. When you ask the waitress costumed like a Dallas Cowboy cheerleader what brands of wine are for sale, she's apt to reply in a molasses - sorghumed accent, "Honey, yo' all got a choice of California white and California red. Ain't that a big enough range, Honey?"

The drinks and conversation are more interesting in LaBelle proper, a town noted for its 22 evangelical churches [bearing such names as the Upper Room Church of God] and eight bars [my favorite bearing the name of Squeaky's County Line Saloon].

I was solemnly warned to stay away from another saloon for it was said to be a den of iniquity, "with lots of fightin' and a-cuttin' and a-shootin'."

Instead, it turned out to be almost as tame as a temperance hall and the manners of its patrons as quaintly old-fashioned as the sign in the tumble-down roller rink next door which exhorted skaters: "Gentlemen will please skate with hats removed. Fast skating not allowed."

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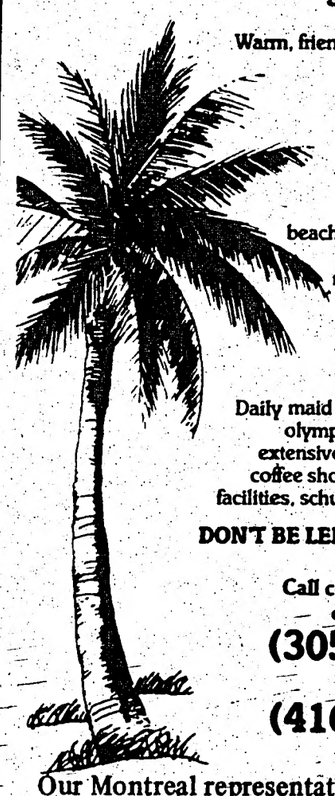

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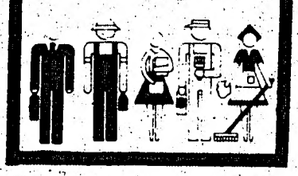

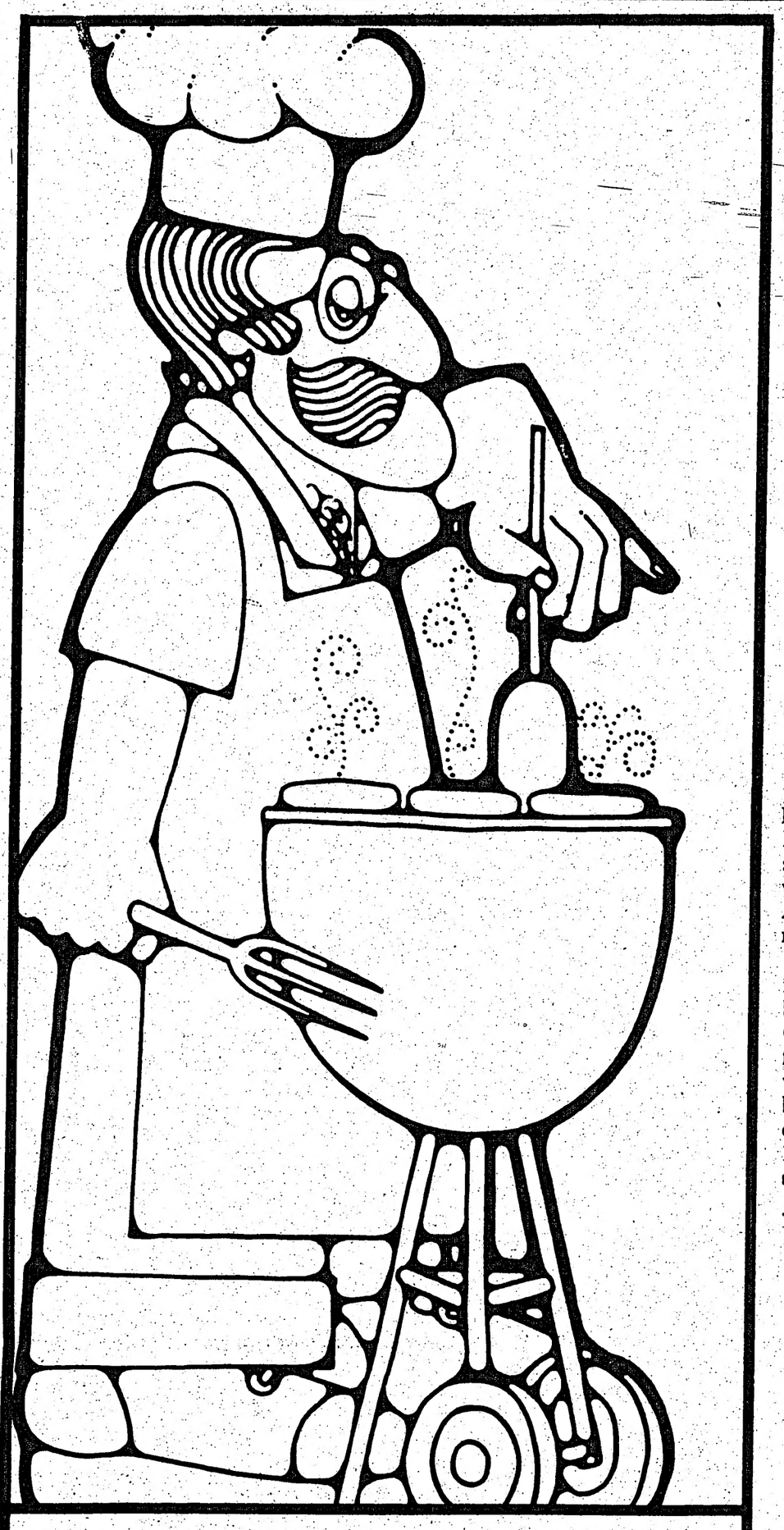

Reluctance to report cases supports non-violence myth

NEW YORK —

Although violence is as prevalent in Jewish families — 10 to 20% — as in non-Jewish households, the reluctance of those involved to speak of the problem reinforces the myth that it does not exist in the Jewish community.

These conclusions are reported in the winter issue of Reform Judaism, the quarterly magazine published by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, in an article by Ellen Goldsmith.

Goldsmith, assistant director of the adult program at Belle Park Psychiatric Hospital in Houston, conducted a study in 1980 of family violence in the Los Angeles Jewish community.

Completed questionnaires from 209 members of nine Orthodox, Conservative and Reform synagogues revealed 22 incidents of battered wives, four incidents of sexual abuse, 11 incidents of forced social isolation and 118 incidents of violent acts towards children.

"Jews, like non-Jews, transmit family violence from one generation to the next," Goldsmith writes, noting that previous studies have shown that child abusers were often abused children and that wife batterers were often both abused children and witnesses to the battering of their mothers by their fathers. "Our study validated these findings," Miss Goldsmith reports.

Of those who reported violence in their families, the "vast majority" said they turned for help to other family members and friends, "keeping the knowledge of family violence within their circle of intimates." The next most frequently consulted group were private therapists. Only four respondents reported speaking to a rabbi.

"Shame and stigma are the principal reasons Jewish family members do not generally reveal their problem of family violence to a synagogue professional," Goldsmith writes. She adds:

"None of the respondents reported speaking to public agencies, including the police, thereby accounting for the near absence of Jews in official family violence statistics."

Stigma, isolation felt by victims

Asserting that "the stigma and sense of isolation felt by the abusers and their victims must stop," Goldsmith urges the Jewish community to meet the problem "head on."

To end the cycle of violence, she says that synagogue and community porfessionals should educate themselves about the existence of Jewish family voilence by learning to identify the characteristics of abuse from the perspectives of both the abused and the abuser. She also urges laymen to study the problem as well, because they are the first line of support for victims of family violence.

Goldsmith recommends programs that could include parenting classes, premarital programs, a hotline for abused women and children, a counseling program, legal services, "time-out" centres to separate family members and shelters for abused women and children.

"Our tradition teaches us that we are responsible for one another. Therefore, we should not turn our backs on abusers and abused, some of whom may live next door or in your own home," she says.

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Experts on terrorism meet

Kamikaze-style bombings predicted for U.S.

NEW YORK — International terrorism is likely to increase, and there is a real prospect that "kamikaze-style" bombings like those at the U.S. embassies in Beirut and Kuwait will be carried out in this country, experts at an all-day conference on terrorism have warned.

The day-long meeting, held last month, was sponsored by the Institute for Studies in International Terrorism of the State University of New York in association with the American Jewish Congress.

Phil Baum, associate executive director of the AJC and co-chairman of the conference, announced that his organization will press for federal legislation that would enable the U.S. government to apply "significant sanctions" against countries that support terrorism or harbor terrorists.

Baum said such proposed legislation would permit the government "to act unilaterally if necessary" in taking such action, "given the paralysis of the international community, particularly the United Nations, in taking effective action against terrorism."

Participants in the conference agreed that the failure of the international community to fully recognize terrorism as criminal behavior has encouraged the growth of terrorism activity in the last decade. Countries like Libya and Iran were singled out as sponsors of terrorism and responsible for its mushrooming spread.

New York Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan warned that terrorist-suicide bombings are likely to occur in this country. "I think the prospect of 1984 being the year they bring the war to our shores is real," he declared. "We should assume it and not be surprised by it."

Moyniham asked rhetorically whether "the inattentiveness of the West, and of the United States in particular, to considerations of the law, has contributed to an international political climate that allows other states to assume that they will not be held accountable to standards of civilized and peaceful behavior."

Other participants in the conference, which included government officials, media executives, business leaders and investigative specialists, joined Moynihan in condemning the view that terrorism, when linked to a political goal, is somehow different from other forms of criminal behavior.

John Norton Moore, professor of law at the University of Virginia Law School, termed such a view "simple nonsense." He asserted that no goal can be used to justify attacks on civilians.

Moore said such attacks "are contrary to international law." He termed "a myth" the "romanticized notion" that civilized nations must deal with the cause of terrorism or define terrorism before responding to terrorist acts.

Allan Gerson, special assistant to the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, deplored the "subversion of language" that enables terrorist movements to "concentrate on blurring issues and on systematically concealing their true identity and purposes until, like a Trojan horse, they are able to penetrate our defenses."

Misconception about terrorism, he said, included the notion that a rigorous and objective definition of terrorism is impossible.

"They would tell you one man's terrorist is another man's freedom fighter," he said. "Hence, consensus about what is and is not terrorism is impossible and we are left suspended in a kind of intellectual and moral limbo."

"A terrorist act occurs," Gerson declared, "when the terrorist, seeking concessions from a state, international institution, multinational corporation or similar body applies violence against individuals or entities that have no direct connection to the dispute."

He added that terrorists are not interested in social progress and are not "frustrated idealists" but will "make alliances with common criminals and homicidal maniacs."

Gerson accused the UN of abetting the "subversion of language" associated with terrorism by providing a vehicle in which "extremists and terrorists, whose acts flout the letter and spirit of the UN charter, find justification in UN resolutions that endorse the 'use of all necessary means at their disposal'" to achieve "self-determination and liberation."

Despite the difficulties of combatting acts of terrorists, particularly those prepared to suffer death in kamikaze-like attacks, the specialists at the conference agreed that effective steps can be taken to cope with the threat. Terrell Arnold, deputy director of the Office for Combating Terrorism, U.S. department of state, declared that a fundamental key to averting terrorist acts is to "provide a very low level of success rate."

Emphasis was given by a number of participants to more effective high level intelligence gathering. International networks of shared information to enable democracies to anticipate terrorist attacks were urged by Prof. Moore. He also called for Western nations to eliminate statutes of limitations on terrorist acts and legalize civil suits for damages brought by victims against terrorists and their sponsors.

Moynihan cited economic sanctions and action by the World Court as two of the alternatives available that would enable nations to avoid the extremes of "doing nothing or going to war" to punish terrorists and their sponsors.

A session on the mass media brought some disagreement among representatives of the media and their critics.

Barry Rosen, former state department press attache and a hostage in Iran three years ago, charged that by allowing itself to be manipulated and exploited by the Iranian terrorists whose main purpose was propaganda through media coverage, the media had become an involved party and injected themselves in the negotiations between the U.S. government and the terrorists — a task that should have been left to "real diplomacy" which can only be done "in a quiet, long-term negotiating process."

Robert Chandler, senior vice-president for news for CBS, acknowledged that decisions as to how much coverage to devote to terrorist incidents are often difficult.

He asserted that the media are not "monolithic," and that the "public should recognize that we are not all alike."

Chandler said that because the terrorists' goal of widespread media coverage is recognized and understood by television news executives, efforts to arrive at a proper balance often "give us great pain and concern."

Michael J. O'Neill, former president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, noted that the emergence of television and other electronic communications since World War II, have given terrorists "a huge megaphone" and have helped spread "a revolution of rising expectations" from one society to another.

He was critical of the media's judgment of news, characterizing it as "too confrontational, too adversarial, too wrapped up in violence and actions."

By emphasizing sensationalism, the press "plays into the hands of terrorists who want to use the media," O'Neill said.

Lalonde calls Canada faithful ally of Israel

By ABREY MYERS

MONTREAL — Israel has not had a more faithful and trustworthy ally than Canada over the years.

That was the message from Finance Minister Marc Lalonde to a recent breakfast club meeting at the Beth Hamedrash Hagadol Tifereth Israel Congregation, at which he discussed inflation, interest rates, job-creation programs, balance of trade, the Prime Minister's peace tour and Canada's policy towards Israel.

Lalonde reassured the audience that, despite concern expressed by members of the Jewish community over remarks made by Prime Minister Trudeau and External Affairs Minister Allan MacEachen during their recent trips to the Middle East, Canada's policy towards Israel has not changed.

"We have stated repeatedly," he said, "that there has to be a homeland for the Palestinians and that homeland should be negotiated in a peaceful environment and that the existence of Israel has to be secured and assured."

In response to questions from the audience, Lalonde spoke on the subject of the Prime Minister's remarks in greater detail.

"He was in Kuwait in a press conference, and there were some Arab journalists who were persistent, asking questions and repeating questions on the Palestinian situation. And he answered questions having to do with the Palestinians. He was not taking 20 minutes to spell out our broad policies on Israel.

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Active sportsman decked by brown paper bag

sports scene

By GARY COHEN

Barney Krivel is living proof that even sports legends can sometimes find it difficult to fight their way past a brown paper bag.

In some parts of Western Canada, Krivel's vitality, spirit and love of athletics helped make his name famous. A member of the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame, a street in Regina — Krivel Crescent — was dubbed in honor of his contribution to keeping sport alive in the province — especially during the depression days of the dirty 30s.

And it is no mean boast when Krivel claims, "I can travel anywhere on the continent and meet people I know."

But it was just something as simple as bending over to pick up a paper bag that put an end to over 60 years of sporting achievement. "It couldn't have weighed more than five pounds," he insists, but it was heavy enough to leave Krivel, 74, on the sidelines for the first time in his life with a badly damaged back that isn't likely to get much better.

Growing up in the small, wide-open border town of Estevan, Sask. — "at one time Jesse James hung out in Estevan, that's the kind of town it was" — many of Krivel's earliest athletic impulses had bare knuckles attached to them. Only 20 Jewish families lived in the "very WASP town" and anti-semitism wasn't uncommon.

An ardent Zionist and former prizefighter from New York who had settled into the hotel and restaurant business after moving north, Krivel's father taught his sons to box and defend themselves. And Krivel admits that he was not averse to the rough-and-tumble art of scrapping for respect. The splayed fingers and nose still attest to that fact.

Krivel senior's interest in athletics, in fact, was far from superficial and played a large part in shaping his son's destiny. He brought Estevan its first professional baseball team in the 20s which was part of the old Border League. And touring sports clubs always knew they were welcome at the Krivel's hotel — whether their players were Black or white . . . at a time when it still mattered.

Following in his father's affection for baseball, Krivel played as a pitcher in the Western Canada and Nickel Belt Leagues and even survived the depression by organizing a girls' softball team during the 30s — "if we made $6 and some safety pins it was a good day," he recalls.

But Krivel's sporting pursuits didn't stop at boxing and baseball. "I was an athletic bum," he analyzes wryly. But bum or not, he distinguished himself as an all-round athlete and fierce competitor in soccer, hockey, tennis, basketball, cricket and track and field throughout the Canadian and U.S. mid-West.

And it was through these connections that Krivel either met or played with and against some of the outstanding athletes of the century — magical names like Satchel Paige, Gordie Howe, Elmer Lach, Max and Doug Bentley, Babe Ruth, Babe Diedrickson, Oscar "Happy" Felsch and "Shoeless" Joe Jackson of 1919 Black Sox infamy, Abe Saperstein and the original Harlem Globetrotters, Grover Cleveland Alexander, Lefty Grove, Eddie Fainer . . . and the list goes on.

Whatever the sport or the people involved, Krivel always played hard and, as often as not, for only the pure joy and excitement of competing as "one of the boys."

"I don't think there's a bone in my body I didn't break," he says. "And it's true I was always making a good name for myself, but not much money. But if I had my life to live over again I wouldn't change a thing. I wouldn't change a thing because a good name is important."

And where Krivel's name meant most was on the curling rink. As a player, teacher and innovator for over 50 years, Krivel helped refine and change the nature of the game he unashamedly admits he loves with a passion.

An organizer of the first Jewish curling clubs in Regina and Toronto, Krivel was a top player whose rinks won bonspiels in Edmonton, Toronto and almost every major centre in between. He was a mentor to outstanding players from all over the country — including world champions like Ed Werenich and Ernie Richardson — who played against him or sought his advice on improving their games.

Barney Krivel . . . paper bag decks him.

"As I became older, curling became my life," Krivel reflects. "I thought I would retire and spend the rest of my time at the rink." But, ironically, after a lifetime of playing hard and enduring physical injuries of every description, it was bending over to pick up a 5-pound paper bag that took the broom and stone out of Krivel's hands and ended his dreams of rink rat retirement.

Taking the cue from his wife who had been painting for years, Krivel took up a brush and began occupying his time by filling canvases with the images of — what else — athletes. Skiers, baseball players and a wonderfully child-like crayon drawing of Sonny Liston are among the pictures that adorn the walls of his den, taking their place alongside the ribbons, trophies and medals he collected in his younger days.

More recently, though, cataracts have stripped Krivel of even this tie to his sporting past. And while he still has his love of music — he fronted his own jazz dance band for 30 years while living in Saskatchewan — and his three grandchildren to fill his time, he hasn't given up on the painting or his interest in sports.

"I always admire a battler," Barney Krivel says. And the determined twinkle in his eye convinces you that the sports legend who couldn't fight his way past a brown paper bag has still got a lot of life and moxie left in him yet.

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Early results from the Maccabi Pan Am Games in Sao Paulo, Brazil indicate that Canadians are showing well at one of the big warmup meets to next year's 12th Maccabiah Games in Israel.

Bernie Offstein, national vice-chairman of the Maccabi Canada athletic co-ordinating committee, last week reported that six of the 12 Canadian team members had already collected medals at the meet, while two others were well on their way to top three finishes in their events.

Gordon Orlikow of Winnipeg was the top Canadian medal winner as of last Tuesday, having taken a gold in the high jump and silver medals in the 400-metre sprint and long jump events.

Also on the track, Debbie Berger of Toronto, who was a last minute replacement for Canadian national judo champion Mark Berger at the Games, ran to a bronze medal in the 100-metre sprint.

In the pool, Edmonton's Jana Promislow swan to a silver medal in the women's 200-metre backstroke, Mike Viminitz of Vancouver captured a bronze medal in the men's 100-metre breaststroke and Lori Abramovitz of Montreal was a bronze medalist in the women's 200-metre freestyle.

And Joelle Fefer of Montreal won a bronze in pistol shooting to round out the Canadian medal winners.

Meanwhile, Carrie Lynn Cohen of Toronto and Lorne Goldberg of Montreal both advanced to the quarter-finals in singles tennis competition to increase their chances of capturing Pan Am medals.

Both Goldberg and Cohen are Canadian national junior tennis champions. Cohen won her 1983 title earlier this year in Toronto, while Goldberg was the top under-14 boys junior player in the country in 1982.

Final results from the Games should be available for next week's column.

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Almost all sports enthusiasts, especially those who key into the Jewish scene, are familiar with the names and athletic careers of people like Sandy Koufax, Al Davis, Mark Spitz, Ken Holtzman, Benny Leonard and Arnold "Red" Auerbach.

But how many have heard of Irena Kirszenstein-Szewinska, a seven-time Olympic gold medalist who during her heyday in 1965 was named the world's outstanding female athlete by the Soviet Union?

Or Victor Hershkowitz, the winner of 43 handball titles and considered by many to be the greatest player in the game's history?

Or Lillian Copeland, an American track and field star who won silver and gold medals, respectively, throwing the discus at the 1928 and 1932 Olympic Games?

Robert Slater, a U.S.-born author currently living in Israel, sheds light on these and other famous and lesser known Jewish athletes in his recently released book Great Jews In Sports [Jonathan David Publishers Inc., $14.95]. A biographer of Golda Meir and Yitzhak Rabin, Slater has turned his talents as a chronicler to the world of sport to produce an interesting account of the careers of over 100 modern Jewish athletes.

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